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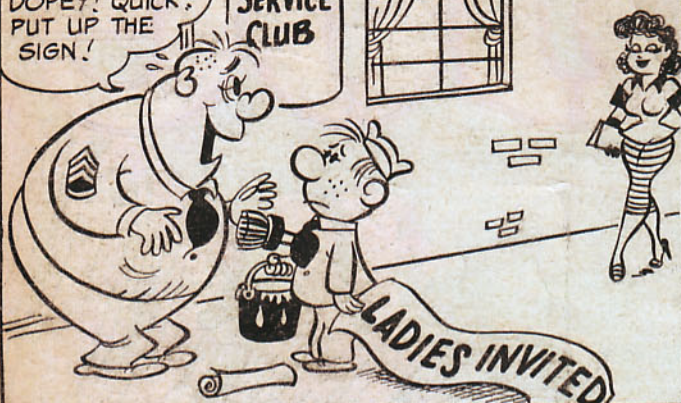


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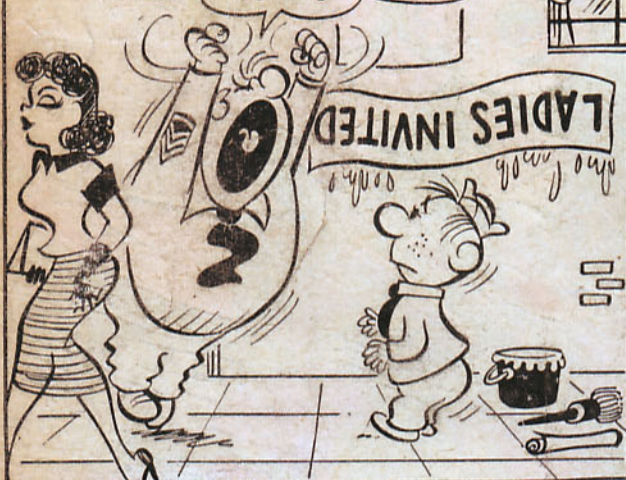
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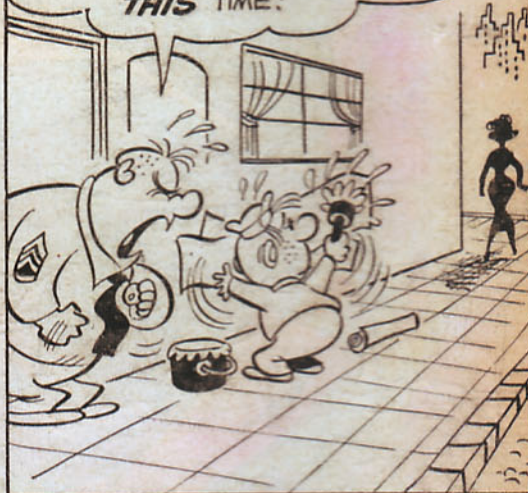
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HERE COMES ANOTHER ONE! YOU'D BETTER PUT IT UP RIGHT **THIS** TIME!



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OH! ♪♪ YOU'RE INVITING LITTLE OL' ME? AND I DO LOVE SERGEANTS!

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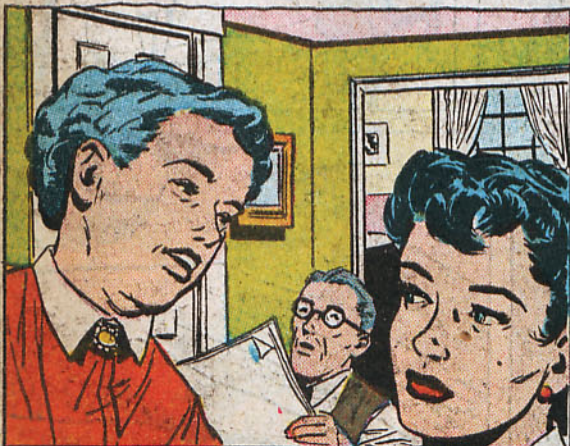
"MY NAME IS SUSIE EVANS. YOU MAY HAVE SEEN ME OCCASIONALLY IN SOME OF THESE PAGES. I'M JOE BURCH'S GIRL, AND I HAVE A STORY TO TELL YOU. I'M SURE YOU'LL FIND IT INTERESTING BECAUSE MANY OF YOU OUT THERE MOST LIKELY HAVE HAD THE SAME THING HAPPEN TO YOU. THERE MAY BE MANY OF YOU WHO ARE —

THE GIRL HE LEFT BEHIND"

"EVER SINCE JOE HAD LEFT, IT HAD BEEN THE SAME ROUTINE NIGHT AFTER NIGHT. MOM BUSIED HERSELF WITH HER KNITTING, DAD READ HIS EVENING PAPER, AND I CURLED UP WITH A BOOK..."



"FOR WEEKS I HAD NOTICED THAT MOM HAD SOMETHING ON HER MIND, AND THEN, ONE NIGHT, SHE CAME OUT WITH IT..."



SUSIE, PLEASE DON'T BE ANGRY AT WHAT I AM ABOUT TO SAY! YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR BENEFIT!

WHY - WHY DON'T YOU GO OUT WITH OTHER BOYS? - IF ONLY TO OCCUPY YOUR MIND...

I DON'T WANT TO, MOTHER - IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR TO JOE!



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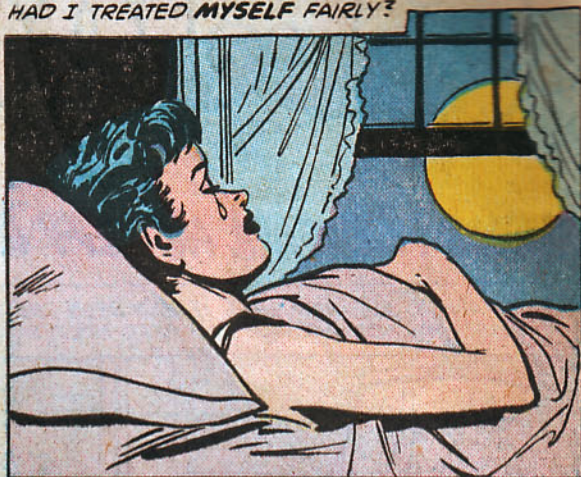
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FAIR TO JOE? YOU HAVEN'T ANYTHING TO BIND YOU TO HIM! WHY, YOU'RE NOT EVEN ENGAGED!

IN OUR **HEARTS** AND **MINDS** WE ARE, MOTHER! I LOVE JOE, AND I'LL WAIT HERE FOREVER FOR HIM! NOW, PLEASE LEAVE ME ALONE!



"I UNDERSTOOD MOM'S POSITION - AND SHE WASN'T ENTIRELY WRONG. SHE WAS FOND OF JOE, BUT, AS SHE SAID, SHE WAS LOOKING FOR MY BENEFIT. I HAD BEEN FAIR TO JOE - BUT HAD I TREATED **MYSELF** FAIRLY?"



"THE NEXT MORNING I FELT SLIGHTLY BETTER. AT THE OFFICE, TOM REYNOLDS ONCE AGAIN ASKED ME HIS DAILY QUESTION..."

GORGEOUS? WHY DON'T YOU BREAK DOWN AND HAVE DINNER WITH ME?

UH-UH, TOM! NOT TONIGHT!



"AND THERE YOU HAVE, MORE OR LESS, MY GENERAL ROUTINE. WELL, SOME DAYS PASSED - MOTHER DIDN'T BRING UP THE SUBJECT AGAIN, AND THINGS WERE BACK TO NORMAL. THEN ONE MORNING..."

ANOTHER LETTER FROM JOE, SUSIE!

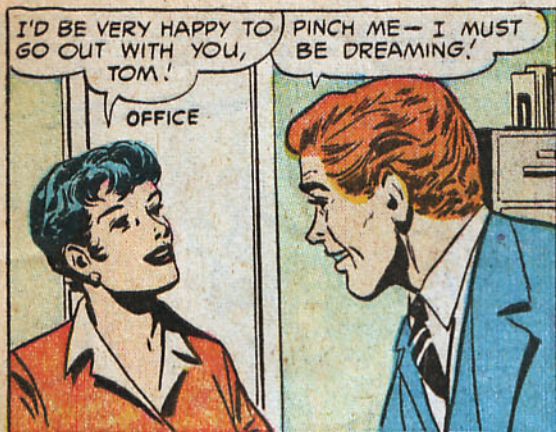
THANKS, MR. HAWKINS!



"I DON'T HAVE TO TELL ANY OF YOU GIRLS OUT THERE WHAT A LETTER FROM YOUR GUY MEANS. I TORE OPEN THE ENVELOPE AND BEGAN TO READ - MY HEART SANK..."



"THAT SAME DAY, AT THE OFFICE, I WAS JUST ANGRY ENOUGH TO ACCEPT TOM'S INVITATION..."



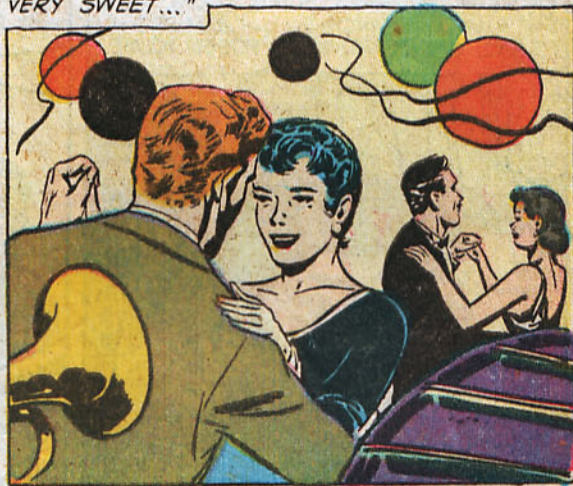
"AND THUS BEGAN A HECTIC WEEK OF DINNER..."



"PICNICS..."



"...AND DANCES, I MUST ADMIT I HAD A GOOD TIME. IT WAS A PLEASANT CHANGE FROM THE DULL EVERYDAY ROUTINE, AND TOM WAS VERY, VERY SWEET..."



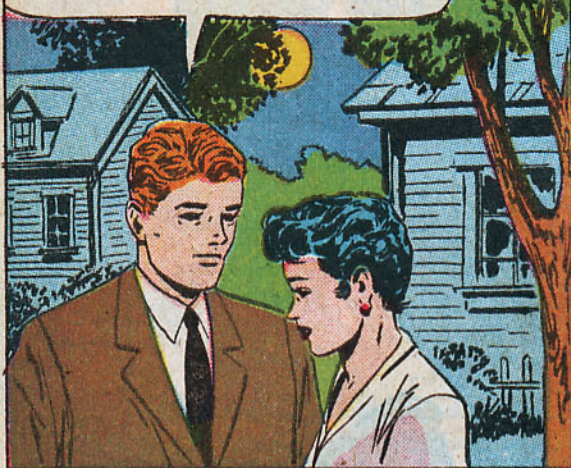
"I SAW TOM PRACTICALLY EVERY NIGHT, AND WAS GROWING QUITE FOND OF HIM. THEN ONE NIGHT..."



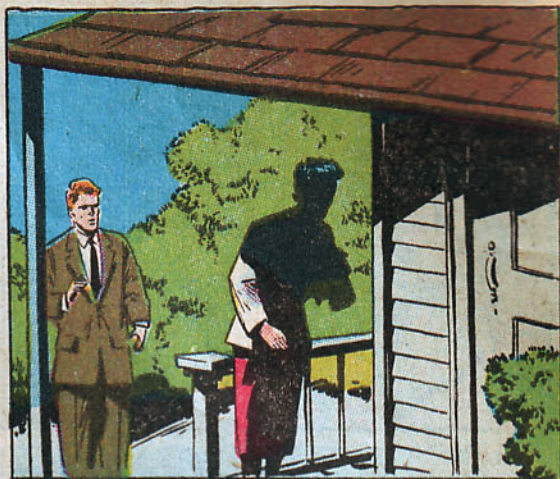
"BUT I COULDN'T HOLD OUT LONG, BECAUSE TO BE PERFECTLY HONEST—I **WANTED** HIM TO KISS ME, AND I DID LATER THAT SAME NIGHT..."



SUSIE, YOU - YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU! I WANT YOU TO MARRY ME...



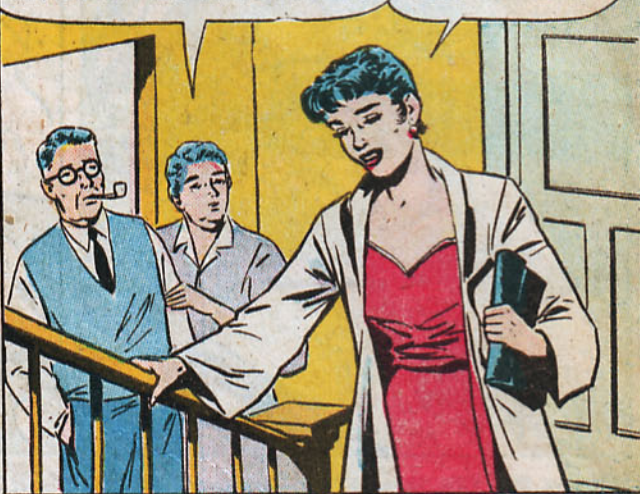
"I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY. I RAN INTO THE HOUSE AND LEFT TOM STANDING OUTSIDE..."



YOU'RE HOME EARLY, SUSIE. MOM! TOM DID - WHAT'S WRONG, DEAR? YOU'RE CRYING! JUST PROPOSED TO ME!



HOW WONDERFUL! WHERE'S TOM? WHY DIDN'T YOU INVITE HIM IN? I-I'M GOING TO BED, MOTHER!!



"THERE IT WAS -- ALL LAID OUT FOR ME. THE ONE THING EVERY GIRL DREAMS ABOUT. THERE WAS TOM -- HANDSOME, INTELLIGENT, HAD A GOOD JOB, AND HE WANTED ME FOR HIS WIFE. I WAS BEWILDERED -- I NEEDED HELP..."

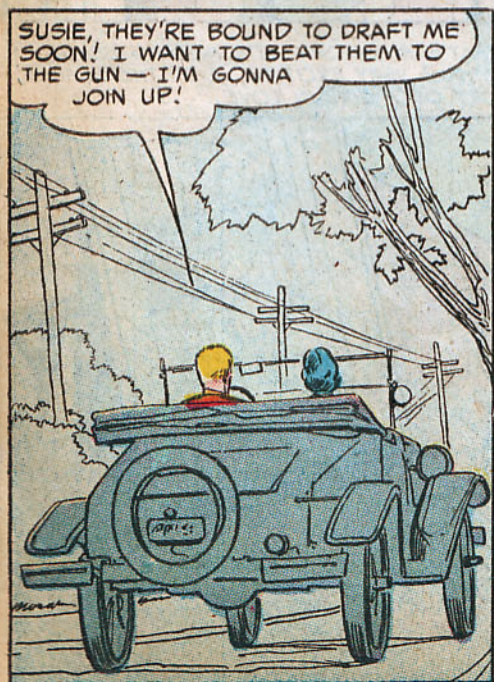
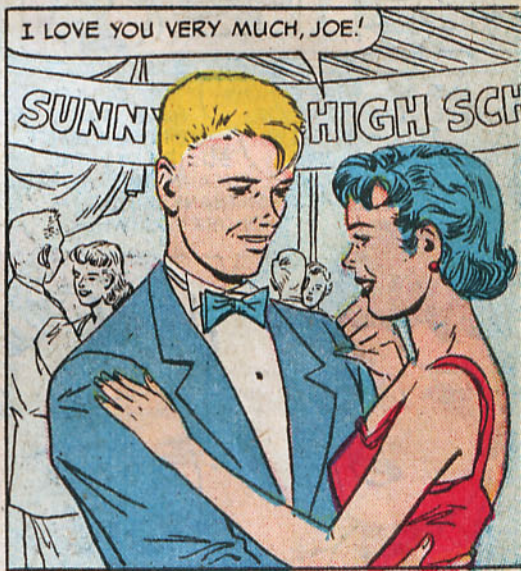
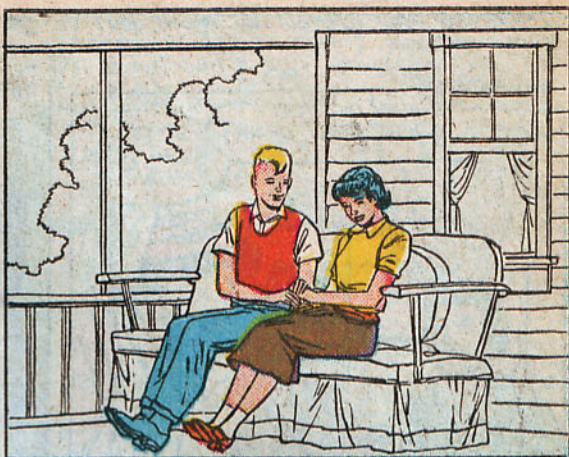
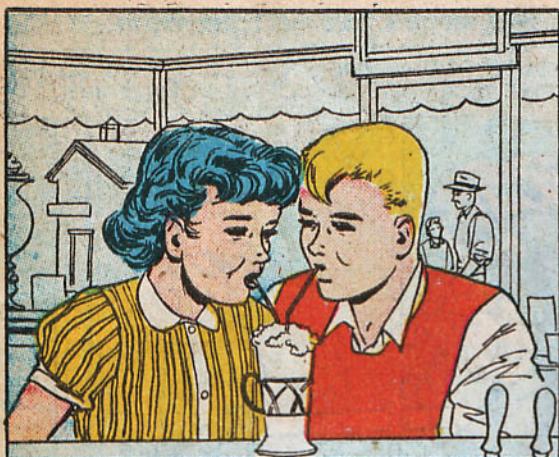


"SOON I FELL ASLEEP AND BEGAN TO DREAM. BUT I DIDN'T SEE TOM IN MY DREAMS..."



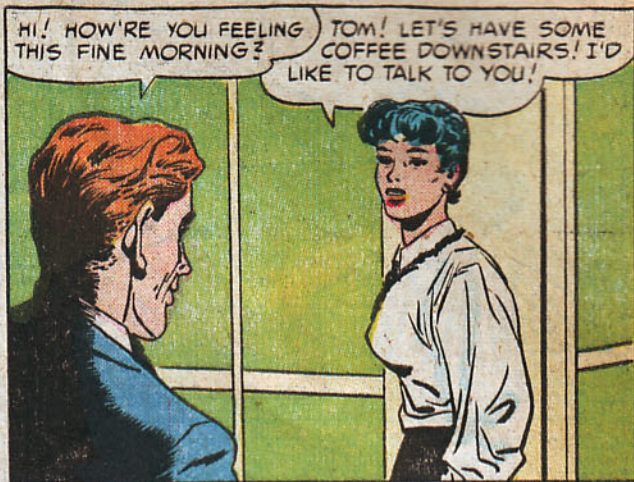
DO YOU WANNA CARRY MY BOOKS, JOE?

SURE, SUSIE -- YOU'RE MY GIRL, AREN'T YOU?

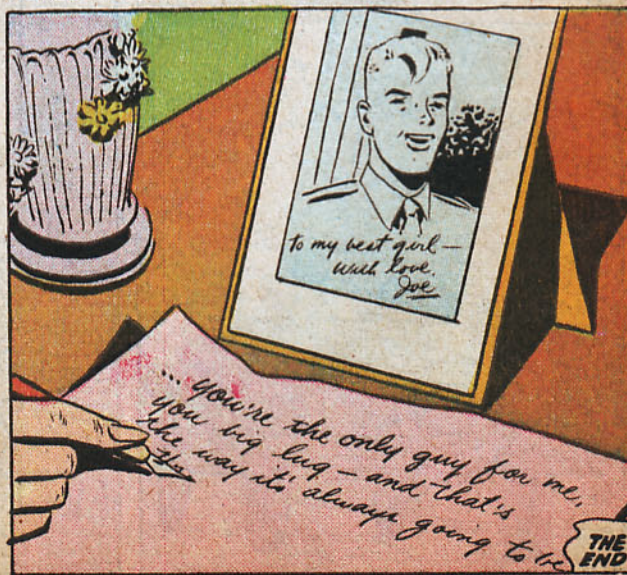


"I TOSSED AND TURNED ALL NIGHT, BUT
ODDLY ENOUGH, I FELT PERFECTLY RESTED
THE NEXT MORNING, FOR I HAD MADE
MY DECISION ...

"TOM WAS WAITING FOR ME TO COME IN..."

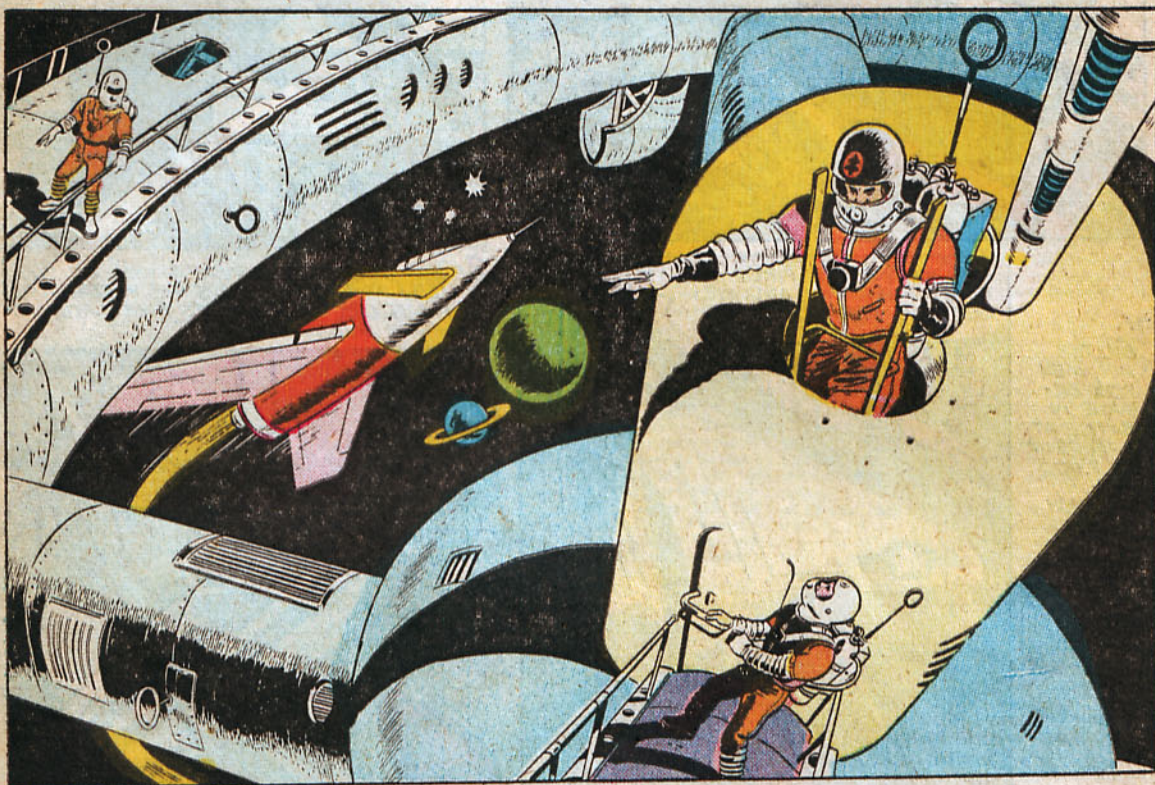


"AND SO, THAT'S MY STORY. IT'S NOTHING SENSATIONAL, NOTHING VERY EXCITING, JUST THE SIMPLE, HONEST STORY OF A GIRL IN LOVE."

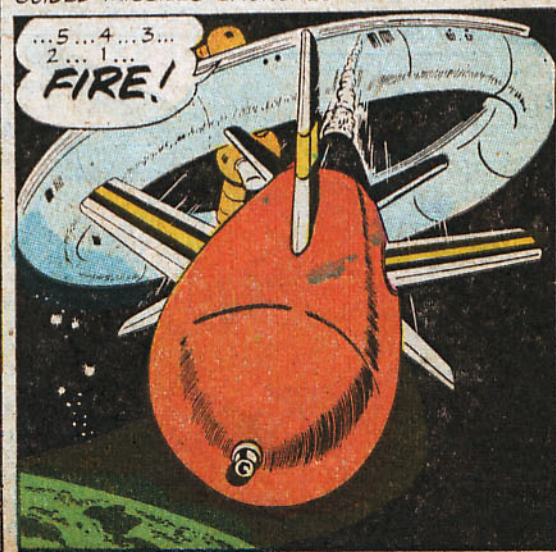


WEAPONS OF THE FUTURE

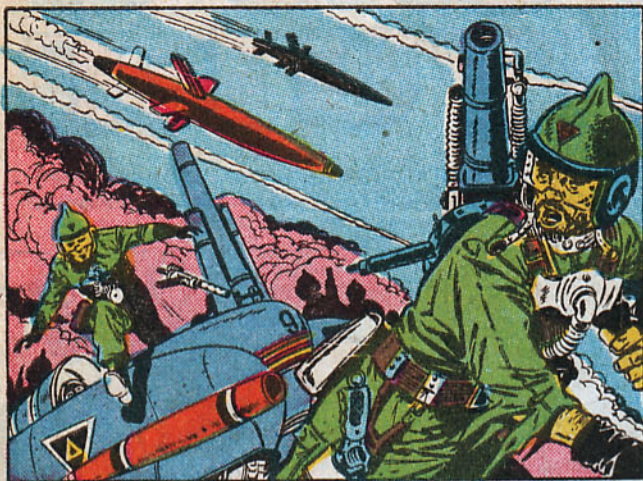
TOMORROW'S WEAPONS MAY BE AS FANTASTIC AS THOSE OF SCIENCE-FICTION! TODAY, THE UNITED STATES IS PLANNING A SPACE SATELLITE WHICH WILL FLOAT A THOUSAND MILES ABOVE THE EARTH, AND KEEP AN EYE ON FUTURE AGGRESSORS AGAINST THE PEACE!



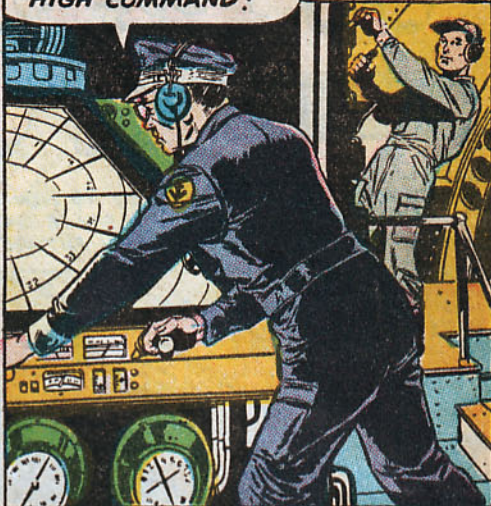
IN THE FUTURE, ACTS OF AGGRESSION OBSERVED FROM THE SPACE STATION MAY BE HALTED BY GUIDED MISSILES LAUNCHED FROM SPACE!



GUIDED MISSILES MAY ALSO BE LAUNCHED FROM STATIONS HERE ON EARTH... THREE THOUSAND MILES APART! IF WAR SHOULD COME, SUCH ROCKETS WILL BE CONTROLLED BY TELEVISION!



A LITTLE MORE POWER FROM JET NUMBER FIVE! THAT'S IT! THERE-- RIGHT ON THEIR HIGH COMMAND!

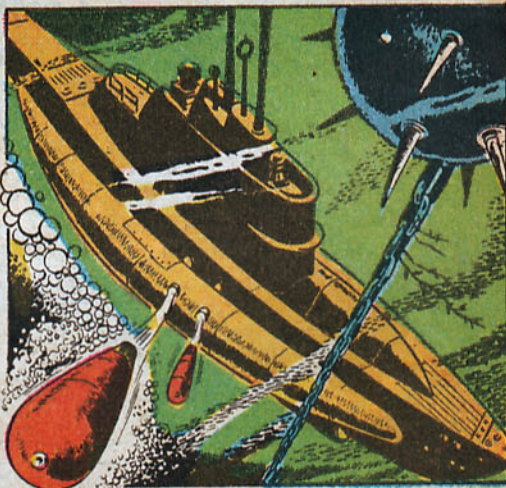


THE RADAR-EYE FIRED THE FIRST PATTERN! AND WE GOT 'IM! WE GOT 'IM!

IN THE AIR, MEN WILL ENGAGE IN BATTLE AT SPEEDS UP TO 2,500 M. P. H. AT SUCH SPEEDS, ONLY ELECTRONIC DEVICES CAN KNOCK DOWN A FOE!

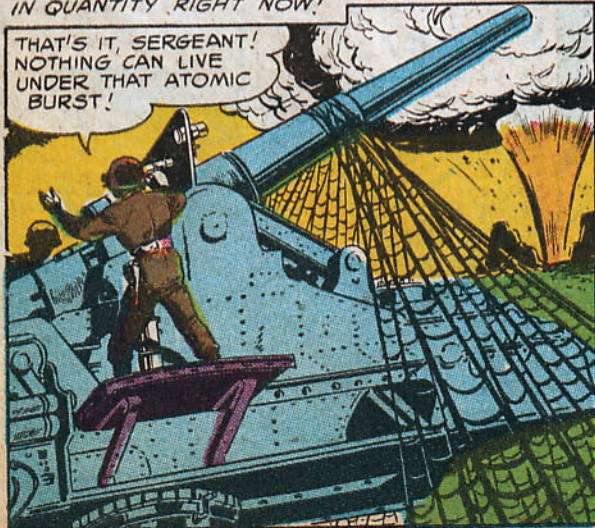


AT SEA, TOO, ATOMIC POWER WILL BE PUT TO USE! AT PRESENT, THE U.S. HAS IN READINESS THE NAUTILUS, THE WORLD'S FIRST ATOMIC-POWERED SUBMARINE!



AND ON THE GROUND, SPECIAL CANNON WILL FIRE THE ATOMIC SHELLS WHICH THE U.S. POSSESSES IN QUANTITY RIGHT NOW!

THAT'S IT, SERGEANT! NOTHING CAN LIVE UNDER THAT ATOMIC BURST!



BUT THE GREATEST WEAPON WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED... THE QUEEN OF BATTLES... THE INFANTRY!

FORWARD, MEN! THEY CAN USE ATOMICS ALL THEY WANT. BUT THEY NEED US TO HOLD THE GROUND!



THE END

G.I. JOE'S PEN PALS

Readers of G.I. JOE are invited to use this popular department to exchange correspondence between interested servicemen, wherever they may be, and civilians who wish to brighten their lives with such correspondence.

EAST

CAROL COBB, 69 BEACH AVE., MILFORD, CONN. . . . "I am 16 years old, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5 feet 5 inches tall. I would like to do my part for the men in service by writing to them as regularly as possible. I will answer all letters."

FRISCILLA GERVAIS, NEW PORTLAND RD., GORHAM, MAINE . . . "I am 17 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, brown hair and hazel eyes. I would like to write to fellows between the ages of 19 and 23. I like modern music and sing hillbilly songs. My friends call me 'Killer.' Will answer all letters!"

SANDRA KEMPER, OAKLAND, MD. . . . "I would like to correspond with some of the servicemen. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, brown hair and green eyes. I like swimming, basketball, baseball and most every other sport. I would be very glad to write to a serviceboy."

MARGARET SUTTON, BOX 512, BILLERICA, MASS. . . . "I am 17 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, brown hair and brown eyes. I like to write letters, and promise to answer every letter that I receive."

GAYLE ROY, 78 SHERBROOK, EAST SPRINGFIELD, MASS. . . . "I would like to do my part, so please list my name and address in your magazine. I'm 17 years old, brown hair, brown eyes, and I stand 5 feet 3 inches tall. I would like to write to boys in the hospitals."

JUDY KAVALESKI, 13 O'MOORE AVE., MAYNARD, MASS. . . . "I am 16 years old, have dark blonde hair, blue eyes, 5 feet 3 inches tall. Enjoy writing letters and would like to write to men in the army, navy and marines. If I receive any letters I'll answer them promptly. How about dropping me a line or two?"

CAROL DUARTE, 508 HILLMAN ST., NEW BEDFORD, MASS. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, brown hair and blue eyes. I promise to answer every single letter I get. I feel that the least I could do to help these boys is to bring home a little closer to them through the mails. Let's hear from you, guys!"

JOAN BENNETT, 2 REYNOLDS AVE., PITTSFIELD, MASS. . . . "I enjoy writing very much and hope that some of the boys will write. I am 16 years old, blonde hair, blue eyes. I like music and all sports. Will answer all mail."

ELAINE ROY, 78 SHERBROOKE ST., SPRINGFIELD, MASS. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, light brown hair and blue eyes. I like all sports and popular music. I would like to correspond with men in service. I will answer them right away."

THERESA FIRENZE, BOX 232, NORTHVALE, N. J. . . . "I know how lonely a man can feel when there is no mail from home. I want all the boys to count on me for letters to them. I am 17 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall."

WINONA WATERS, AVA, N. Y. . . . "I want to do all I can to help the wonderful fellows in our armed forces. I am 16 years old and will answer all letters."

JOAN VAN DYKE, 19 ACKERMAN ST., BEACON, N. Y. . . . "I am 16 years old, black hair, brown eyes, love music and dancing. Want to help by writing to men in service. Will answer all letters. Please write!"

ETHEL MUNSHINE, 1236 VIRGINIA AVE., BRONX, N. Y. . . . "Being an ex-service-woman (WAVE) I know what it is to be away from home and looking forward to mail call. I promise to answer all correspondence—the more I get the better I'll like it. I am 23 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall and have reddish-blonde hair."

BARBARA SALPETER, 1245 BOYNTON, BRONX, N. Y. . . . "I am 16 years old, and will answer all the letters that I receive. I like to write letters."

CLIFFORD WAGNER, 1884 UNIVERSITY AVE., BRONX, N. Y. . . . "I would like to write to some servicemen. I'm 24 years old and would like to meet some new friends."

MARIANNE BROWN, 81 N. PORTLAND AVE., BROOKLYN, N. Y. . . . "I know quite a few fellows stationed at the Brooklyn Navy Yard and they have told me how lonely servicemen get away from home. I would like to correspond with men and women in service and maybe help out a little with my letters. I am a 16-year-old Negro girl."

DEANNA BEARDSLEY, HUGUENOT, N. Y. . . . "I am 17 years old and most anxious to correspond with G.I.s. I want so very much to help and to try to make new friends."

RUTH ANN JACOB, OVID, N. Y. . . . "I am 16 years old and want to write to servicemen. I will answer all letters. Please write."

EILEEN CANNON, 27 HIGHLAND AVE., TUCKAHOE, N. Y. . . . "I am 16 years old, have blue eyes, reddish-brown hair and stand 5 feet 3 inches tall. I would like to hear from servicemen and will answer all the letters that I receive."

KAREN SMITH, 119 STRATFORD RD., WEST HEMPSTEAD, N. Y. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, brown hair, blue eyes. I want very much to write to servicemen. I sincerely promise to answer each and every letter."

JOANNE AKERS, RD. 2, BOX 332, ALTOONA, PENNA. . . . "I am 23 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, brown hair and brown eyes. I enjoy writing letters a great deal and want so very much to correspond with the wonderful guys in service. Can't do it, though until I get some letters from them, so how about it, boys, won't you please write to me?"

SHIRLEY KARNER, RD. 3, BANGOR, PENNA. . . . "I'm 16 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, brown hair and brown eyes. I love to write letters and also to receive them. I'll be sure to answer any letter sent to me."

KATHRYN & KATHLEEN KELLY, RD. 1, COLUMBUS, PENNA. . . . "We are twin sisters, 16 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall and we have blonde hair and blue eyes. We would both enjoy writing to servicemen. We will answer all letters we may receive. Let's have some lines for the Kelly twins, guys!"

EDITH YOUNG, BOX 78, EDMONT, PENNA. . . . "Would like you to enter my name and address in your Pen Pals department. I am 17 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall and live in a small country town 20 miles southwest of Philadelphia. Would enjoy very much to hear from some of the boys in the armed forces. Will answer all letters."

JOAN BREWER, 346 CHESTNUT ST., INDIANA, PENNA. . . . "I am 18 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, have brown hair and brown eyes. I am most anxious to correspond with men in service. I will answer each and every letter."

ARLENE KING, RD. 1, KELLY STATION, PENNA. . . . "I'm 19 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches tall, brown hair and brown eyes. I would like to write to as many servicemen as possible, especially to those who receive little or no mail. I will answer every letter, you can rest assured."

SHIRLEY KING (Same address as above) . . . "I'm 17 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, ash blonde hair and brown eyes. I would like to write to servicemen, no matter what branch of service they are in. I promise to answer all letters as soon as I get them. Please write."

BARBARA JUNKINS, 25 W. WATER ST., LEWISTON, PENNA. . . . "I would like to write to men in all branches of the service. I am 19 years old, 5 feet 1 inch tall and have brown hair and hazel eyes. I like all sports and also music and dancing. I will reply to whoever writes me. Won't you write?"

DOLORES LEIBY, 1057 FIFTH ST., N. CATASAUQUA, PENNA. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, brown hair, green eyes and fairly intelligent. I know that I can make my letters interesting because people have told me that I'm a very good letter writer. Won't you try me out, boys?"

RUTH HOMAN, 210 SARAH ST., OSCEOLA MILLS, PENNA. . . . "17 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, brown hair, blue eyes and love all outdoor sports. Would like to write to men in service, because my brother was overseas and I know how lonely he got for the ol' homestead. Will try to make my letters interesting, but I'm sure of one thing, and that is, I will answer all letters."

THERESA GUILFOYLE, 4125 PECHIN ST., PHILADELPHIA, PENNA. . . . "I am 16 years old, brown hair, blue eyes and stand 5 feet 3 inches tall. I like all sports, dancing and music. My favorite sport is swimming. I promise to answer all letters no matter how many I receive. I am quite prepared to handle them all."

LARRINE RAMSDEN, 620 N. MURTLAND AVE., PITTSBURGH, PENNA. . . . "I am 24 years old and would like to write to servicemen. Will answer all letters."

CATHERINE CLYDE, 129 N. BROAD ST., W. HAZLETON, PENNA. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, brown hair and brown eyes. I play the piano and clarinet and like all sports. I would be honored to receive mail from men in service. Please write."

BARBARA RICHARDS, RFD 2, CUTTINGSVILLE, VT. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, have brown hair and blue eyes. Will answer any letter that I receive. This is the least we can do."

JEANNE BREEDON, RT. 1, BOX 15-B CHARLESTON, W. VA. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 1 inch tall. Want so very much to correspond with some men in service. Will try to answer as many as possible."

BETTY RHODES, STATION B, BOX 146, CHARLESTOWN, W. VA. . . . "I'm 17 years old and would like to hear from servicemen. Will try to answer all letters promptly."

SOUTH

SANDRA PATRO, 210 CYPRESS ST., DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 1 inch tall, red hair and blue eyes. I like all sports and am wild about hillbilly music. Will answer all letters."

JUDY KATZ, 513 CRAWFORD RD., BOX 1064, NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FLA. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, auburn hair and brown eyes. I'd like very much to write to a boy in service. All letters will be answered promptly."

WILLIAM MORROW, GENERAL DELIVERY, SARASOTA, FLA. . . . "I would like to write to women in service. I am 25 years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall and like all sports."

RUTH ELLEN LARGE, RR 3, MAYSVILLE, KY. . . . "I would like to write to someone who hasn't anyone special to write to. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall and have reddish brown hair and green eyes. I like all sports and music. Let's have your letters, boys!"

JEWEL O'HARA, RTE. 1, PREWITT PIKE, MT. STERLING, KY. . . . "I am 22 years old and work and live in Cincinnati. The address listed is my home address in Kentucky. I stand 5 feet 2 inches tall and have brown hair and brown eyes. I will answer all letters, and that's a promise."

BECKY BOWLES, 1021 COLUMBIA ST., NEWPORT, KY. . . . "I am 18 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, have red hair and hazel

OUR SERVICEMEN ALL OVER THE WORLD WANT AND NEED MAIL. THE LEAST WE CAN DO IS TO CO-OPERATE WITH THEM. THE CHARACTER OF THE CORRESPONDENTS WE LIST ON THESE PAGES HAVE BEEN VOUCHERED FOR BY THEIR LOCAL AUTHORITIES, AND OUR SERVICEMEN REPRESENT THE FINEST OF AMERICAN MANHOOD.

eyes. I would like to write to a serviceman no matter what branch he is in."

SHIRLEY FELDPAUSCH, 2412 NELSON AVE., OWENSBORO, KY. . . . "I am 17 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall and would like to write to someone who has no one to write to. I will try to make my letters interesting for him. Please write."

ANN RENFRO, RTE. 1, STAMPING GROUND, KY. . . . "I would like very much to write to men in service. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, brown hair, brown eyes. Will answer all letters."

NELLIE BORNE, BOX 1, GOLDEN MEADOW, LA. . . . "I'm just a plain country girl who would like to write to servicemen. I work in a drug store here in town and I get a new copy of *G. I. JOE* as soon as it comes out. I think it is tops. I'm 18 years old, black hair, brown eyes, 5 feet 4 inches tall. I like all sports, wild about dancing and love to cook. I am particularly anxious to write to all those wonderful guys in hospitals. Please write."

CAYLE GERBRECHT, 3843 CYPRESS ST., METAIRIE, NEW ORLEANS, LA. . . . "I am 17 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, blonde hair, blue eyes. I would like to make some boy happy by writing to him."

VASHTI CHOVIS, GENERAL DELIVERY, MAXTON, N. C. . . . "I am 24 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, brown hair, brown eyes. I would like to do my share to help cheer up a lonely G.I."

CHUCK ROGERS, GENERAL DELIVERY, ROCKY MOUNT, N. C. . . . "I am 23 years old and would like to write to men and women in the service."

CLAUDIA THOMAS, P.O. BOX 21, STILLWELL, OKLA. . . . "I am 28 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches tall, brown hair, gray eyes. I would like to write to any serviceman no matter where he is stationed. I will try to answer promptly."

FRANCES WALDEN, TEN MILE, TENN. . . . "I am 18 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, brown hair, blue eyes. I would like to correspond with servicemen and, perhaps, fill a great need as far as companionship is concerned. Won't you write?"

RAYMOND GILBERT, 129 ANN BURKE, BEEVILLE, TEXAS . . . "I am 17 years old and would like to write to men and women in the service."

ANNE BURLESON, 2105 S. EWING, DALLAS, TEXAS . . . "I love to write and to receive letters, so I would be very happy to have my name listed in your magazine. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall. I like all sports and just love to dance. I will answer every letter as soon as I receive it."

MIDWEST

WILMA LOUISE BIRD, 307 W. 7TH ST., MARION, IND. . . . "I would like very much to write to the men in service. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, brown hair and blue eyes. I like dancing and all sports. I will answer all letters."

BARBARA SIDEBOTTOM, RR 1, SELLERSBURG, IND. . . . "I am 5 feet 6 inches tall, light brown hair, love sports of all kinds. I also enjoy cooking, baking, dancing and hillbilly music. I would love to hear from the boys in service. I am 18 years old."

BOB GINDER, 1307 S. KOSTNER, CHICAGO, ILL. . . . "I am a 16-year-old boy interested in writing to the men in service. Whether they'd be interested in writing to me is another matter. I have a brother in service and I write to him regularly, and also to some of the neighbors who are in service. Let's hear from you, guys!"

TERRI WALKOWIAK, 3531 N. MILWAUKEE, CHICAGO, ILL. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, dark brown hair, blue eyes. I love music and am a fairly good dancer. I like to write letters and hope to hear from some G.I.'s who would like to correspond with me."

JAN SCHISLER, 4327 WASHINGTON ST., DOWNERS GROVE, ILL. . . . "I am 16 years old, and would like very much to correspond with servicemen in the States or overseas. I am 5 feet 3 inches tall and have brown hair and hazel eyes."

PEGGY BROADFIELD, ELMWOOD, ILL. . . . "I am 16 years old, brown hair, blue eyes, 5 feet 6 inches tall. My hobbies are sewing, cooking and pen pals. I already have two pen pals but would like more. I am anxious

to correspond with servicemen and civilians alike."

GEORGIA MORTIMER, 2633 W. 90TH ST., EVERGREEN PARK, ILL. . . . "I would like very much to write to servicemen, especially those in hospitals all over the world. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, brown hair and blue eyes. I like dancing, tennis and volleyball. I will answer all letters."

VIOLA GRISWOLD, RFD 1, OREGON, ILL. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, brown hair and blue eyes. The least any girl at home could do is to help out servicemen by taking a few minutes to write to them. After all, what is time when it is spent at home with family and friends? We at home have a habit of wasting so much of it it is pathetic. I hope to hear from some of the boys soon. I will answer all letters."

RUTH ANN CASH, 405 S. 4TH ST., ROCKFORD, ILL. . . . "I am 16 years old and want to write to servicemen. I will answer every letter I receive. Please write!"

OVETA ANDERSON, 808 S. JACKSON ST., FRANKFORT, ILL. . . . "I am 18 years old, brown hair, green eyes, 5 feet 8 inches tall. I like all sports and letter-writing. I assure each and every one who writes that he will get a fast reply. Come on and write, boys!"

DONNA MAE JACKSON, RTE. 4, WATSKA, ILL. . . . "I am 18 years old and am anxious for a few pen pals. I will answer all letters, so let's hear from you!"

SHIRLEY ROMMEL, BOX 11, BETTENDORF, IOWA . . . "I would like to write to a lonely serviceman or servicewoman. I feel that they have made a great sacrifice in leaving their homes to help make us at home feel more secure. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, have brown hair and blue eyes."

SHARON RUSH, 701 ROCKSYLVANIA AVE., IOWA FALLS, IOWA . . . "I am 16 years old and would like to correspond with men in service. I have brown hair, brown eyes and I stand 5 feet 5 inches tall. I will answer all letters."

JO ELLEN JUNKERMEIER, BOX 1234, SIOUX RAPIDS, IOWA . . . "I am now writing to a boy in Austria whose address I got from your Pen Pals pages. I would like to have many more pen pals and, therefore, would appreciate your listing my name and address. I am 16 years old, have light brown hair and hazel eyes and I am 5 feet 4 inches tall. I will send a picture of myself with each letter."

HELEN HERRING, 704 E. NEW ST., COFFEYVILLE, KANS. . . . "I am 22 years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall and would like to hear from our boys. I am a Negro. Would like many pen pals."

DY ANNE NATHAN, 2324 EDGEWOOD BLVD., BERKELEY, MICH. . . . "I would like to correspond with some servicemen and women. I am 16 years old, have red-blonde hair and blue eyes. I will answer all letters."

ELAINE SHAHLY, 17110 COLLINSON ST., EAST DETROIT, MICH. . . . "I'm 24 years of age, 5 feet 3 inches tall, brown hair and brown eyes. I love to write letters and would like to correspond with men in service."

ROBERTA SMITH, 1968 HOYT ST., MUSKOGON, MICH. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall, auburn hair, brown eyes. I like horses and photography, and am on the photography staff of our school newspaper. I am anxious to correspond with men in service. I will answer all letters."

MARY JANE HUMMEL, 716 GREGG ST., NASHVILLE, MICH. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, and want to write to G.I.'s. I like all sports, especially football, and also classical and hillbilly music. I will answer every letter."

SHIRLEY DARGE, 601 E. HUDSON, ROYAL OAK, MICH. . . . "I am 17 years old, brown hair, blue eyes, and stand 5 feet 4 inches tall. I would be very happy to correspond with servicemen."

GERTRUDE DARGE (Same address as above) . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, brown hair, blue eyes. I will answer all letters that I receive."

MAUREN SCHULER, 304 10TH AVE., S.W., GRAND RAPIDS, MINN. . . . "I am 16 years old and would like to write to servicemen."

JANET SILK, 3421 EAST 59TH ST., KANSAS CITY, MO. . . . "I would consider it a great honor to have my name listed in your fine magazine. I am 17 years old, like all sports, dancing and above all letter writing. I will answer every letter. I know full well

how important mail is to the men in the armed forces, and I promise not to let them down."

BLATHE INGRAM, ROBERTSVILLE, MO. . . . "I am a Miss who would like to receive lots of letters from anyone who would care to write to me. I promise to answer every letter I receive and will send snapshots."

EFFIE HELMOSKI, BOX 125, ARDOCH, N. DAK. . . . "I like all sports and music. I am 16, 5 feet 7 inches tall, brown hair, blue eyes. I like to write letters and hope that someone will write to me."

BARBARA HALSTEAD, 15900 TERRACE RD., EAST CLEVELAND, OHIO . . . "I am 16 years old, have blonde hair and blue eyes. I just love dancing, music and all sports. I would like to correspond with men in service. Will answer all letters."

MARY EVANS, 221 HARMON AVE., URBANA, OHIO . . . "I would like to write and make friends with some of our boys in service. I stand 5 feet 5 inches tall, have brown hair and brown eyes and I am 17 years old. I like to collect all types of songs and enjoy roller skating a great deal. I hope that I receive quite a few letters from the grand guys in all branches of the services. I will answer all letters that I may receive."

MADONNA NOEL, 545 HENRY ST., GREEN BAY, WISC. . . . "I am 17 years old and would like very much to correspond with the boys in the armed forces. I love to write letters and will answer all the letters I get. I am 5 feet 4 inches tall and have brown curly hair."

BERTHA O'DELL, 2431 B-TRUAX FIELD, MADISON, WISC. . . . "I am 17 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, black hair, blue eyes. I wonder how many people know just how lonely some of the men in service get being away from home. Especially those who receive little or no mail. I want to help cheer them up and to try to bring home a little closer to them. I will write regularly to whoever writes me."

JACKIE SAGERT, 2874 N. 57TH ST., MILWAUKEE, WISC. . . . "I would like to write to men in service all over the world. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, brown hair, gray eyes. I like all sports and letter-writing. I will try to answer all letters promptly."

IRENE POZNIKOWICH, RT. 1, WEYCHAUSER, WISC. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, brown hair and brown eyes. I enjoy writing letters and hope to make new friends, thanks to your magazine."

FAR WEST

KRIS VAN KLARGAARD, RTE. 2, BOX 785, LANCASTER, CALIF. . . . "I am 17 years old, blonde hair, gray eyes, 5 feet 6 inches tall. I read my first copy of your magazine the other day and enjoyed it a great deal. I would like to have my name listed. I love to write letters and will write to whoever cares to write to me. I like all sports, dancing and above all, letter writing. Hope to hear from someone soon."

MARILYN FLORES, P.O. BOX 382, MILPITAS, CALIF. . . . "I am 18 years old, light brown hair, brown eyes, 5 feet 2 inches tall. I would like to write to the boys in service and do what I can to help bring home closer to them."

TRUDY MCKINLEY, 918 ADAMS ST., REDWOOD CITY, CALIF. . . . "I am most anxious to correspond with servicemen. I am 18 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall and have black hair and brown eyes. I will gladly answer all letters received. Won't you write?"

PATSY EBEL, BOX 172, CHINOOK, MONT. . . . "I'm 19 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, brown hair, blue eyes. Will answer all letters. Please send pictures with letters."

KAY SCHAEFER, BOX 683, CHINOOK, MONT. . . . "I love to receive mail and to write letters. I would like to get some letters from Idaho and Montana. I am 17 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, brown hair, hazel eyes. I'll be waiting for letters."

ETHEL JOHNSON, FROID, MONT. . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, long blonde hair and I enjoy writing letters very much. I will answer all letters that I receive."

MAVIS ERICKSON, 614 N. 2ND ST., W. MISSOULA, MONT. . . . "I'd be very happy to answer all letters sent to me. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, blonde hair and blue eyes. I know how lonely it can get being away from home and I would like to do my bit."

CHARLOTTE RICKETT, 824 COTTONWOOD, MISSOULA, MONT. . . "I am 18 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall, brown hair, blue eyes. I would like to write to men in all branches of the service. I would also like to exchange snapshots. I will answer all letters."

SANDRA CURTIS, BOX 26, MARCOLA, ORE. . . "I am 16 years old, have light brown hair and blue eyes. I like most sports and am very fond of dancing. I enjoy writing letters and would like very much to help cheer up someone who is lonesome."

KATHLEEN BROSNA, 2087 N.W. NORTH-RUP, PORTLAND, ORE. . . "I am a 16 year old, have blue eyes and brown hair and I stand 5 feet 5 inches tall. I like writing letters and would love to hear from servicemen. I assure each and every one who writes that I will answer all letters as soon as possible."

CAROL ANN GRIFFITHS, 2610 N.E. HANCOCK, PORTLAND, ORE. . . "I am 19 years old, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5 feet 6 inches tall. I am very anxious to write to men in service. In fact, I would like to correspond with servicemen, also. I will answer all letters that I receive."

PATSY DILLINGHAM, 1190 W. 1ST ST. N., PROVO, UTAH . . . "I would like very much to write to some servicemen who don't receive much mail. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, blue eyes."

PATSY HARRINGTON, 1170 W. 1ST ST. N., PROVO, UTAH . . . "I am 16 years old, light red hair, blue eyes, 5 feet 6 inches tall. I will answer all letters received."

SONJA NELSEN, RT. 1, ROOSEVELT, UTAH . . . "I am 16 years old, long brown hair, 5 feet 6 inches tall. I would like to write to men in service."

LA VONNE CRAWFORD, RT. 4, BOX 2265, BREMERTON, WASH. . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall and love all outdoor sports. I've always liked to write letters and can assure everyone who writes me an immediate reply."

SANDIE MASHEK, BOX 402, BASIN, WYO. . . "I am 5 feet 7 inches tall; brown hair, hazel eyes and my favorite pastime is writing letters. I would like to find a few friends through your Pen Pals feature. I will answer all letters. I am 16 years old."

CANADA

FAYE BURNHAM, 704 16TH ST., NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C., CANADA . . . "I have been reading G. I. JOE for quite some time and thoroughly enjoy it and your wonderful Pen Pals feature. I am anxious to be included. I would like to help cheer up all the servicemen that I possibly can. I am 16 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, red hair and blue eyes. I enjoy all sports and popular music. Please write, boys, I will answer all letters."

NOELLE TOUTANT, 2345 RR 2, PITT RIVER RD., NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C., CANADA . . . "I am 16 years old, dark brown hair, hazel eyes, 5 feet 3 inches tall. I want to do as much as I can to help cheer up a lonely serviceman. I will answer any letter I receive."

DORIS NAULT, 137 1/2 MARION ST., NORWOOD, MAN., CANADA . . . "Age—17; hair light brown, eyes blue. Will answer every letter."

DOROTHY FURLONG, PENNYWELL RD., W. ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND . . . "I am 16 years old, brown hair and brown eyes and my favorite hobby is letter-writing. I would like to correspond with men and women in the service."

MARY LOU CREED, RR 2, AYLMER, ONT., CANADA . . . "I am 16 years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall, brown hair and brown eyes. I like all sports. I would like to have servicemen write to me and also to send their pictures. I will answer all letters."

BARBARA MUNDY, BOX 341, OSHAWA, ONT., CANADA . . . "I am 22 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, long brown hair, green eyes. I enjoy all sports, music and dancing. I would like to correspond with servicemen all over the world. I promise to answer all the letters I receive and I will answer them promptly."

HAWAII

LYDIA LEI KAMUKI, PUKOO, MOLOKAI, HAWAII . . . "I am 17 years old and would like to write to service boys all over the world. I promise to answer every letter I receive. So, boys, please write."

HONG KONG

CARLOS CHILL, 31 VILLAGE RD., HAPPY VALLEY, HONG KONG, CHINA . . . "My letter appeared in the #39 issue of G. I. JOE and since then I have received a great number of letters. But this is my problem. I found out that the name Cary (my name was listed then as Cary Chiu) is used in your country for boys AND girls, and I received a large amount of letters addressed to 'Miss' Chiu. Well, I hope you will list my name now as Carlos Chill, which is much easier to pronounce than Chiu. Thank you very much."

FROM THE SERVICEMEN ARMY

PVT. TOMMY COLLINS, US 54156838, 324TH QM CO. (PETROL DEPOT), SHARPE GENERAL DEPOT, LATHROP, CALIF. . . "I'm 21 years old, have been in the army one year and would like to have some girls write to me. I come from Fort Worth, Texas."

PVT. ELTON PADALECKI, RA 18455675, (SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE) . . . "I am 19 years old, and come from San Antonio, Texas. I would like to correspond with some girls. I have been in the army for 2 1/2 years."

PVT. CLYDE DEMPSEY, RA 18469681, CO. D, 28TH INF REGT, 8TH INF DIVISION, FORT CARSON, COLO. . . "I would like to hear from girls who have the time to write to a San Antonio, Texas native, 18 years old with one year's army experience behind him."

PVT. ROBERT DUNN, RA 14339709, H & S CO. (ABN) 4 STU BN, CLASS 11, FORT BENNING, GA. . . "I would like to receive some mail from anyone interested in writing to me. I am 18 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall and I hail from Nashville, Tenn. I would appreciate hearing from anyone."

PFC. RAYMOND GONZALEZ, RA 1845631, BTRY A, 66 MISSILE BN, FORT HANCOCK, N. J. . . "I am a steady reader of G. I. JOE, and would like to correspond with anyone who wants to write to me. I am 18 years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall."

PVT. CLARK TONG, RA 11280585, CO B 307 ABN ENGR BN, 82ND ABN DIV., FORT BRAGG, N. C. . . "I am 6 feet 2 inches tall, weigh 185 pounds and would like to hear from young ladies back home. I will answer all letters."

PVT. JOHNNY MULHOLLAND, RA 19520, 139, HQ & HQ BTRY, 3RD GM BN 2ND GM GP (SSM), FORT BLISS, TEXAS . . . "I am 20 years old, 5 feet 11 inches tall and weigh 176 pounds. I would like to write to some gal as right now I have no one to write to. I don't receive much mail and would like to very much. I come from Florida. I will answer all letters."

PVT. ASENION PASTANEDA, RA 1950580, MED DET US ARMY HOSPITAL, 4005TH S.I. STATION COMPLEMENT, FORT HOOD, TEXAS . . . "I am 20 years old and would appreciate it greatly if you were to list my name and address in your wonderful feature. I am 5 feet 8 inches tall."

PVT. ORVIS DILLON, US 51317824, CO E, 9829 TSU-CE TCCR, FORT BELVOIR, VA. . . "I am 22 years old, and interested in all sports. I am also interested in music, dancing and ice skating. I am 5 feet 9 inches tall and come from Corning, N. Y."

NAVY

GRADY HARRIS, 4524765, USNAAS, SECURITY DIV, EL CENTRO, CALIF. . . "I am a 20-year-old sailor stationed out here in the desert, and it gets mighty lonesome here. I will answer all letters I get. I'm from Atlanta, Ga."

SA DWIGHT ROUSE, JR., USN, 9105 MAIN PERSONNEL OFFICE, SCHOOL TRANSFER SECTION, USNCT, SAN DIEGO, CALIF. . . "I think the girls all over the country are doing a fine job. It means a great deal to us servicemen to receive a letter from a total stranger interested in keeping us company. I would like to have my name listed in your wonderful mag. I am 19 years old and come from New Mexico. I stand 5 feet 11 inches tall. I will answer all letters and will also exchange snapshots."

TOM MACKESY, USN, NATU-NAS, PENSACOLA, FLA. . . "I am 18 years old, 6 feet tall and will correspond with anyone interested in writing to a sailor who doesn't receive much mail. I'll answer all letters I receive."

JOHN SAWYER SA, SSC-FTA-13-55, USNCT, BAINBRIDGE, MD. . . "I am 18 years old, from Auburn, N. Y., and would like to get some letters from girls all over the country."

STAN AUGUST RMSN 9719088, COMM MSG CENTER, NAS OCEANA, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. . . "I am 20 years old, 6 feet 3 inches tall and weigh 198 pounds. I would be very happy to correspond with girls and exchange photos."

MARINE CORPS

PVT. DAVID SEABOTT, 1362670, US NAVAL HOSPITAL, WARD 34-A, CAMP PENDLETON, CALIF. . . "I am a 19-year-old marine interested in exchanging letters with some girl or girls. I will answer all letters."

PFC MILL HALL, 1474451 USMC, H&S CO, 2ND BN, 2ND MAR FME, 2ND MARINE DIV, CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C. . . "I am 18 years old, from Florida and would like to receive letters from home. I am 5 feet 10 1/2 inches tall and weigh 170 pounds."

PFC A.C. FISHER, 1430635, MBS-24, MAG-24, 2ND MAW, USMACS, CHERRY POINT, N. C. . . "I think you are doing a fine job in listing names for the servicemen to write. It's a very lonely feeling when a man is left out at mail call. I would like to have my name listed in your feature. I am 6 feet 2 inches tall. Please write, I will answer."

JIM POWELL, 1436362, 2ND MAW BAND HDQTR 27, CHERRY POINT, N. C. . . "I am a Negro, 21 years old, 6 feet tall, 180 pounds. I like all sports, chiefly boxing, football and judo I'll answer all letters."

AIR FORCE

S/SGT WESTON GOUDY, AF 18444925, 3600TH COMB CREW TRNG GRP, LUKE AFB, GLENDALE, ARIZ. . . "I am 21 years old, consider myself good looking, enjoy writing letters and would like to correspond with gals all over the country. I'll be looking forward to sacks of mail, girls! Don't let me down."

A/3C CHARLES PHINNEY, AF 18455902, 77TH AIR TRANS SQDN, TRAVIS AFB, CAL. . . "I'm 19 years old, and hail from San Antonio, Texas. I've been in the Air Force three years."

A/3C RALPH HOWARD, 3206 TEST WING, EGLIN AFB, FLA. . . "I am 19 years old from Detroit, Mich. and would like to receive mail from anyone interested in writing to me, boys and girls. I'm sure we could hit upon something of common interest. I will answer each and every letter I receive."

A/3C JOSEPH AMBROGIO, AF 13514200, 960TH AEW & C SQDN, 551ST AEW & C WING, OTIS AFB, MASS. . . "I read G. I. JOE all the time and would like to receive letters from girls interested in writing to a lonely airman. I am 19 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall."

A/2C GARFIELD KRAHLING, AF 17402257, 665TH AC & W SQDN, CALUMET AIR FORCE STATION, CALUMET, MICH. . . "I am 6 feet tall, weigh 190 pounds and would like to receive mail from anyone who wants to write. I will answer all the letters that I receive. I hail from Marshalltown, Iowa."

A/3C JACK OVERFIELD, AF 15512660 (SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE) . . . "I am from Akron, Ohio, 5 feet 9 inches tall. I would like to correspond with some girls. I will answer promptly."

A/2C JOHN FULKS, AF 15500523, 534TH MATERIAL SQDN FIRE DEPT, BOX 224, KINROSS AFB, KINROSS, MICH. . . "I am 22 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall and I'm from Ohio. I would appreciate any letters from home. I will answer each and every one."

A/3C DAVID LUMM, AF 18448916 (SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE) . . . "I am 20 years old, 6 feet 2 inches tall, weigh 195 pounds and hail from Oklahoma. I am interested in horses and rodeos. I will answer all letters."

A/2C RICHARD PARQUETTE, AF 12452234, 3505 USAF HOSP, GREENVILLE AFB, MISS. . . "I am 20 years old, 6 feet 1 inch tall, weigh 170 and would like to write to some girls. I will answer every letter I receive."

A/3C JAMES BODKIN, 407TH FIELD MAINT SQDN, GREAT FALLS AFB, MONT. . . "I am 19 years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall and would appreciate it greatly if you would list

my name in your magazine. I am from Virginia, and very lonely."

A/2C HARRY GILSON, AF 16457034, BOX 150, 387 FIR BOM SQDN, CLOVIS AFB, N. M. . . . "I am a lonesome airman, 19 years old and would like to get some letters from whoever wants to write to me. I will answer all letters."

THOMAS DIXIE, AF 11302793, FLT 4229-3663, SAMPSON AFB, GENEVA, N. Y. . . . "I am an airman and would like to have my name printed in your magazine so that I could receive mail from whoever's interested. I am 19 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall."

A/B HENRY LYNCH, AF 11293234, FLT 4185, SQDN 3691, SAMPSON AFB, GENEVA, N. Y. . . . "I am 17 and would like to correspond with some girls."

A/B JOHN McCULLOUGH, AF 15537244 (SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE) . . . "I am 17 and anxious to hear from anyone back home."

A/3C WILLIAM HYER, AF 11278352, 808TH SUPPLY SQDN, BERGSTROM AFB, AUSTIN, TEXAS . . . "I am 19 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, like swimming, football, baseball and skiing and my home is in New Jersey. I will answer all the letters that I receive."

A/2C CLARENCE BOWLING, AF 25771122, P.O. BOX 1509 (P/P), LACKLAND AFB, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS . . . "I am 20 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, enjoy all outdoor sports, dancing and music. I would like to hear from some of you girls, so please write and I will try my best to answer as soon as possible."

A/3C ALLAN LEATH, AF 14545352, P.O. BOX 1560, LACKLAND AFB, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS . . . "I would like to hear from girls from all over the States. I am 19 years old."

A/3C FRANK SPAULDING, AF 15530225, P.O. BOX 1509 (P/P), LACKLAND AFB, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS . . . "I am 19 years old, like all sports and good music. I would like to have some pen pals."

A/1C BURT BLOOM, 62ND INST SQDN, LARSON AFB, MOSES LAKE, WASH. . . . "I am 22, like all sports and would like to correspond with girls all over the country. I'll try to answer all letters promptly."

A/3C HERBERT BRADY, AF 13491228, P.O. BOX 355, 517TH USAF INFIRMARY, ETHAN ALLEN AFB, WINOOSKI, VT. . . . "I am 20 years old and a long way from my home in San Antonio, Texas. I would like to receive letters."

A/3C WAYNE BARKALOW, AF 11282772, 8461ST STU SQDN, FE WARREN AFB, WYO. . . . "I am 19 years old and would like to receive mail. I will answer all letters."

COAST GUARD

JOHN ACKER, 315-251, A-24, USCG REC CENTER, CAPE MAY, N. J. . . . "I am 18 years old and would like to receive mail from home. I will answer as soon as possible."

KENNETH BLACK, 312-342, USCG REC CENTER CO N-23, CAPE MAY, N. J. . . . "I am 19 years old, 6 feet 1 inch tall and would like to receive letters from whoever cares to write me. I don't receive much mail from home."

RONALD BAXTER, 315-526, CO M-23 BAR-RACKS 5, USCG REC CENTER, CAPE MAY, N. J. . . . "I am 18 years old, come from Lonsdale, R. I., and would like to receive mail."

CHARLES WILSON, 313-044 (SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE) . . . "I am 18 years old and hail from Pennsylvania. I would like to receive mail from girls and will answer all I receive."

CALVIN ANDERSON, 313-051 (SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE) . . . "I come from Pennsylvania and I am 17 years old. I would like to have some pen pals."

RODNEY DROWN, 311-427, CO R.B., USCG REC CENTER, CAPE MAY, N. J. . . . "I am a steady reader of your magazine and would like to have my name listed. I am 19 years old."

ALBERT NETTLES, 310-704, CO X, BAR-RACKS 250, USCG REC CENTER, CAPE MAY, N. J. . . . "I am from Houston, Texas and would like to hear from some girls who care to write to me."

ROBERT EWELL, 312-269, CO B-24, BAR-RACKS 9, USCG REC CENTER, CAPE MAY, N. J. . . . "I am 18 years old, 5 feet 7 inches

tall and I hail from Miami, Fla. I will answer all the letters that I receive."

CORRECTION

The address for Pvt. Eugene Dougherty, whose name appeared in the #39 issue of G. I. JOE, was listed incorrectly. The following is the full and correct address: PVT. EUGENE DOUGHERTY, AR 16450159, 5800 CHENE ST., DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

★ ★ ★ THE MAILBAG

"Just a short note to notify you that I have changed my address. My name appeared in the #40 issue. My new address follows: ANN HAIRSTON, 225 N. 11TH ST., COLUMBUS, OHIO"

EDITOR'S NOTE: Ever since the Pen Pals feature started some two years ago, we have published hundreds upon hundreds of names and addresses. We are sure that a great majority of these correspondents have had some intriguing experiences. If YOU have any why not drop us a line? We'll be glad to publish it.

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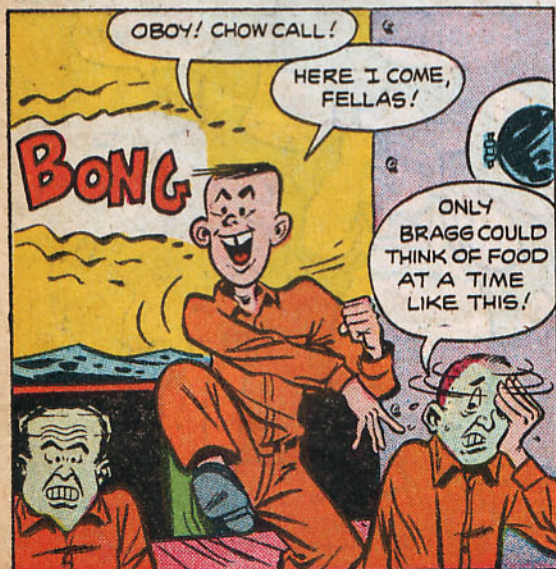
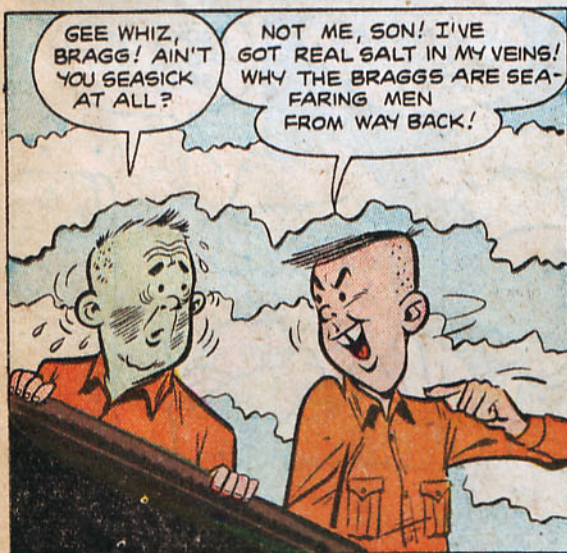
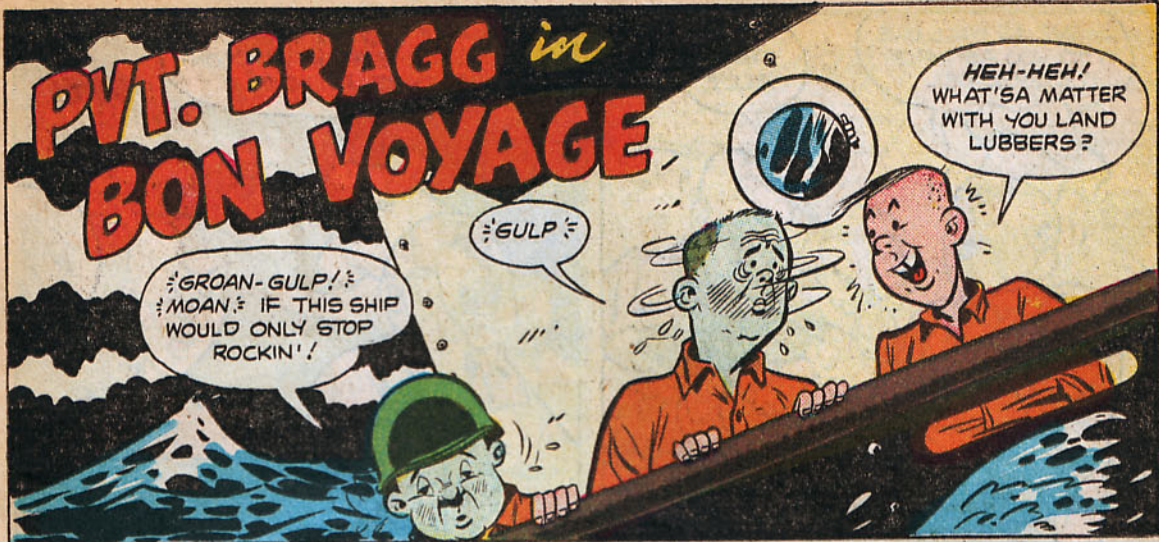
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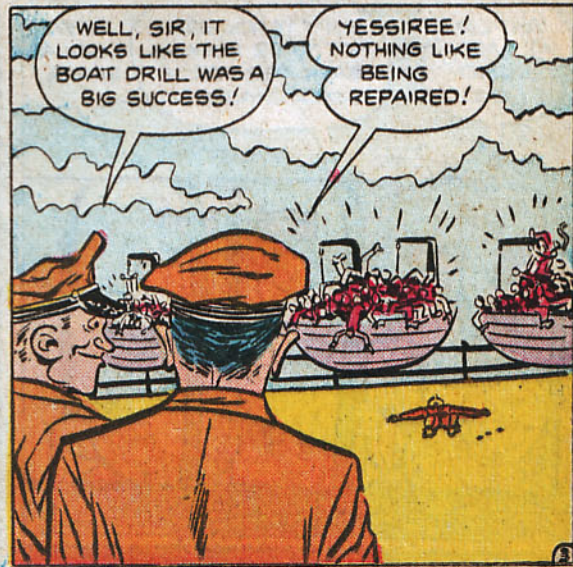
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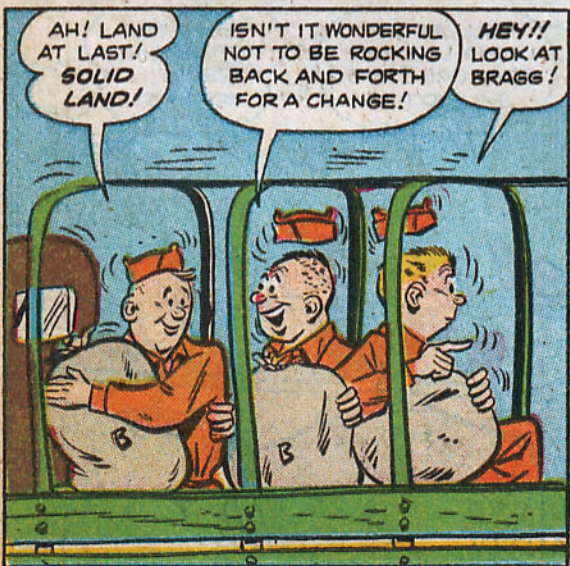
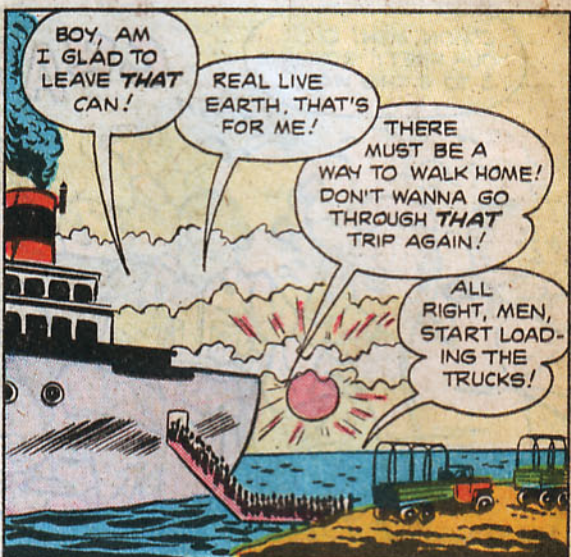
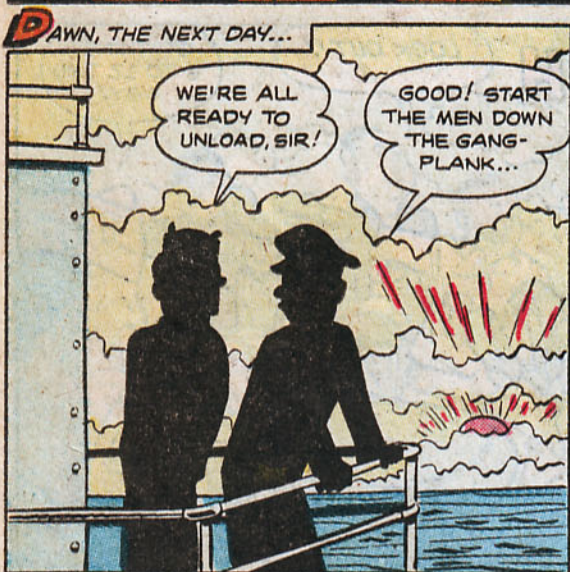
YOU CAN'T
AFFORD TO MISS
A SINGLE ISSUE.
PICK UP YOUR
COPY OF
G.I. JOE
NOW AT YOUR
FAVORITE
NEWSSTAND.





MEANWHILE...



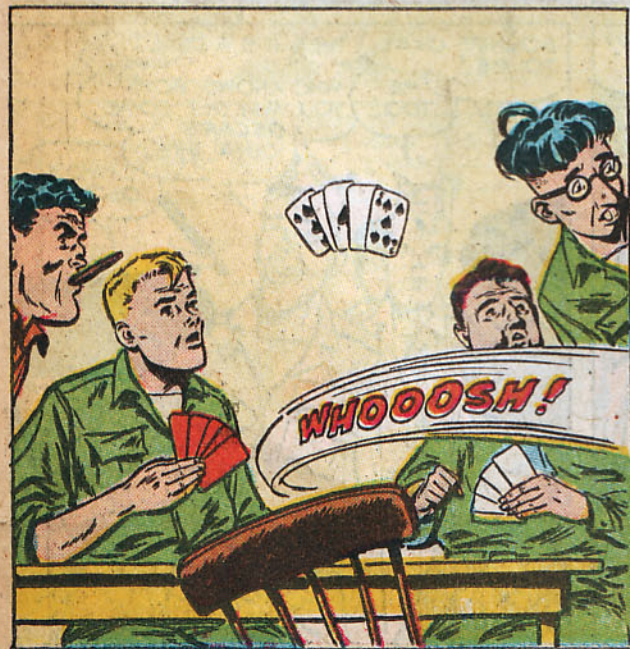


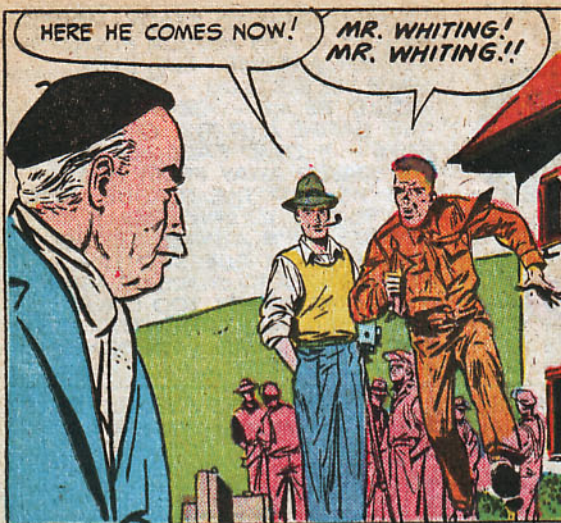
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WHO'S OSCAR?

"BOY! LEAVE IT TO READY-MONEY REILLY! HE CAN MAKE A BUCK ALMOST ANYTIME. BUT EVER SINCE HE SOLD US - THAT WOULD BE ME - JOE BURCH - THE SARGE AND THE OTHER GUYS - A DEAD RACE HORSE, WE STAYED AWAY FROM HIM LIKE HE HAD THE PLAGUE. BUT YOU'VE GOT TO GIVE REILLY CREDIT -- HE'S ALWAYS TRYING. AND - YOU'VE GUESSED IT - HE MANAGED TO SNARE US AGAIN. IT ALL STARTED NOT TOO LONG AGO WHEN UGLY OTIS INTERRUPTED OUR POKER GAME WITH SOME STARTLING NEWS..."





HERE HE COMES NOW!

MR. WHITING!
MR. WHITING!!



THE NAMES REILLY —
READY-MONEY REILLY!
JUST TELL ME HOW
MANY G.I.'S YOU WANT,
AN' I'LL GET 'EM FOR
YOU! ALWAYS AT YOUR
SERVICE!

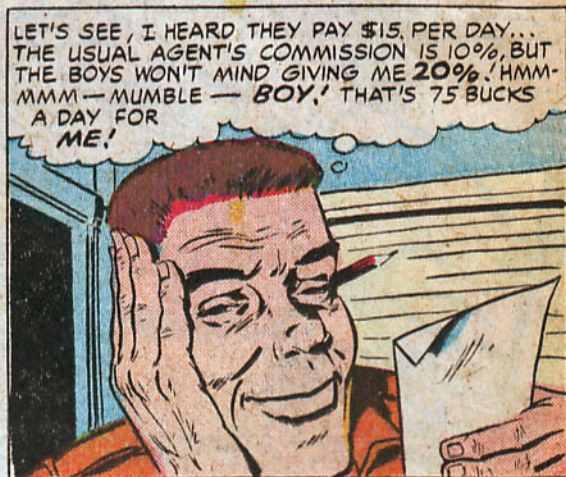
WHY, THANK YOU,
CORPORAL REILLY!!



NOW, LET'S SEE, WE'LL NEED
25 G.I.'S FOR FIGHT SCENES!
CAN YOU HAVE THEM FOR
US TOMORROW AT NINE?
I'VE ALREADY RECEIVED
CAPTAIN KING'S PERMISSION
TO USE AS MANY AS
I NEED!

YES, SIR, MR.
WHITING! WILL
DO! **READY-**
MONEY REILLY
NEVER FAILS —
NEVER!

"WELL, REILLY WAS BACK IN BUSINESS AGAIN, AND
WE DIDN'T HEAR FROM HIM UNTIL HE HAD THE
DEAL ALL FIGURED OUT..."



LET'S SEE, I HEARD THEY PAY \$15. PER DAY...
THE USUAL AGENT'S COMMISSION IS 10%, BUT
THE BOYS WON'T MIND GIVING ME 20%! HMM-
MMM — MUMBLE — **BOY!** THAT'S 75 BUCKS
A DAY FOR
ME!



... OKAY, OKAY, SO
WE'RE GONNA BE IN
PITCHERS! WHAT DO
WE GET OUT OF IT?

TWELVE BUCKS A DAY!
YES, SIR, BOYS — I
PERSONALLY
GUARANTEE IT!



SOUNDS OKAY
TO ME!

THEN IT'S A DEAL!

ME
TOO!

WHO KNOWS, BOYS —
YOU MAY GET SOME
OSCARS
OUTA THIS...

... WHO'S
OSCAR...?

"LEAVE IT TO READY-MONEY REILLY. THERE WE WERE THE NEXT MORNING AT NINE O'CLOCK IN FULL BATTLE DRESS, AND RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BIGGEST HEAT WAVE TO HIT KOREA IN YEARS..."

WHY COULDN'T YOU GET US AN ESTHER WILLIAMS PITCHER, REILLY? AT LEAST WE'D BE IN BATHING SUITS!

YOU GUYS JUST DON'T APPRECIATE WHAT I'M DOIN' FOR YOU! C'MON--LET'S GO!



ALL RIGHT, MEN--LISTEN CAREFULLY! YOU'RE ON A PATROL, AND YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE AN "ENEMY" POSITION IN THOSE HILLS! NOW, LET'S MAKE IT GOOD AND SAVE A LOT OF TROUBLE!

SAY, MISTER--WHO'S OSCAR?



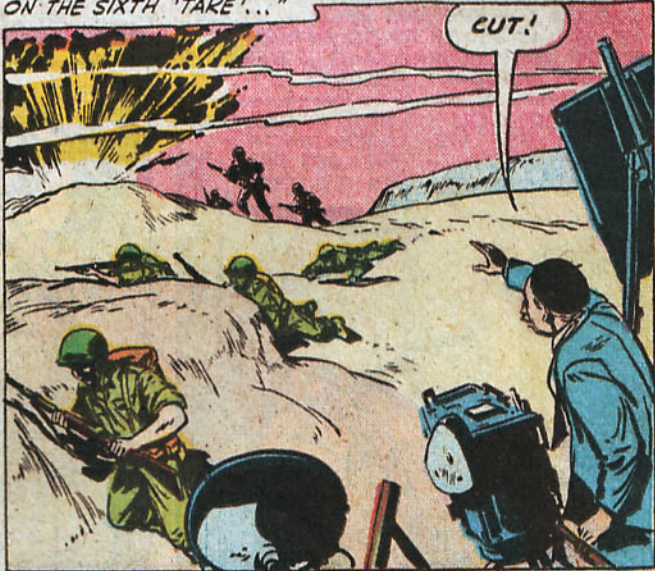
"WE ALL WENT AFTER THAT 'ENEMY' POSITION LIKE IT WAS REALLY HAPPENING, BUT..."

CUT! I WANT REALISM! AUTHENTICITY! TRY AGAIN!



"WE TRIED IT AGAIN AND AGAIN, BUT EACH TIME, THAT HOLLYWOOD FELLA WASN'T SATISFIED. THEN, ON THE SIXTH 'TAKE'..."

CUT!



YOU MEN JUST DON'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND! I WANT ULTRA-REALISM! I WANT THIS TO BE AN AUTHENTIC WAR FILM, I WANT —



WE'RE SORRY, SIR — WE NEVER GOT THE CHANCE TO SEE ANY WAR FILMS TO LEARN HOW IT'S REALLY DONE! YOU SEE, WE WERE TOO BUSY FIGHTIN' A WAR!



OKAY, OKAY -- HAVE THEM BACK TOMORROW, SAME TIME, REILLY!



"WHEN WE GOT BACK TO OUR BARRACKS, WE WERE SO BUSHED WE DIDN'T EVEN BOTHER TO UNDRRESS. BUT THERE WAS REILLY, FIGURING OUT HIS PROFITS..."

BOY! IF I CAN KEEP THIS GOING -- I'LL BE RICH!



"WELL, THERE WE WERE, HOT, TIRED, DIS-GUSTED, AND THERE WAS REILLY -- LOOKIN' LIKE HE WAS READY TO GO FIFTEEN ROUNDS AGAINST MARCIANO. I GUESS THIS GOT MULVANEY, BECAUSE..."

"THE NEXT DAY WE WERE OUT ON THE 'BATTLEFIELD' AGAIN, AND THOSE MOVIE PEOPLE HAD US DOING THINGS WE NEVER DID IN COMBAT..."

LISTEN HERE, YOU SIMON MCGEE, WE AIN'T TAKIN' ANY MORE OF THIS --

EASY, SARGE, EASY -- TOMORROW'S THE LAST DAY, THEN IT'S OVER!



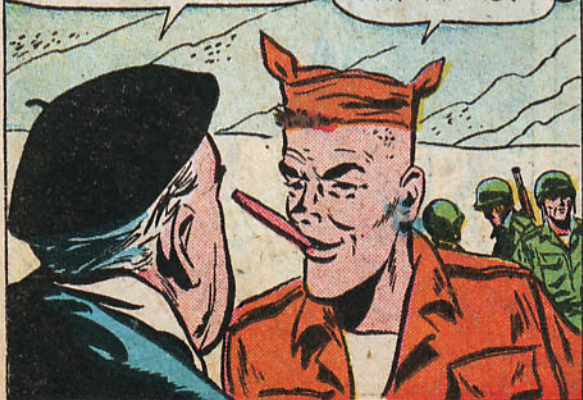
"THEN WE FINISHED FOR THE DAY. BOY! WHAT A WAY TO MAKE A BUCK! REILLY GOT TOGETHER WITH THE DIRECTOR AND..."

WELL -- MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT, REILLY!

HA! I GOT MYSELF ANOTHER \$75!

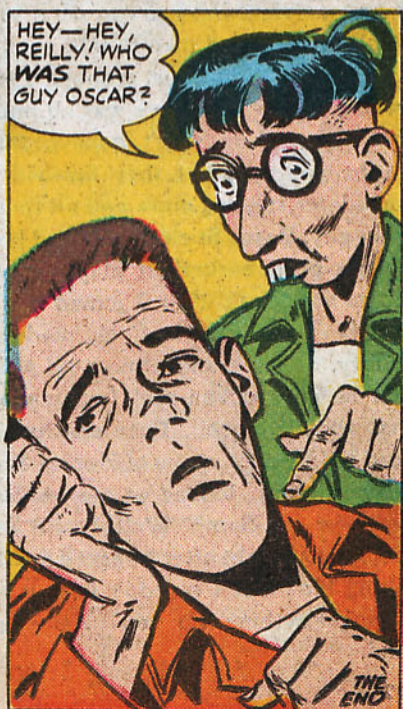
WELL, REILLY, I THINK ONE MORE DAY SHOULD DO IT!

I'M ALMOST POSITIVE WE'LL NEED TWO MORE, MR. WHITING!



"SO THE NEXT DAY WE WENT TO WORK AGAIN, BUT HONESTLY, WE WERE TOO BUSHED TO EVEN ATTEMPT TO FIGHT REILLY."

"AND SO, THE DAY FINALLY CAME — WE WERE FINISHED..."



DEAR GERTRUDE

Tokyo, Japan
August 20, 1955

Dear Gertrude,

Boy! Am I ever in a fix! And I can't blame anyone but me and my big mouth. I got a habit of doing that every once in a while, as you probably know. Like that time before we graduated from high school together. Remember how everyone was razzing me about how bad my chances was to graduate? You remember that time, don't you, Babe? Well, then you must remember what I said to all those wise guys—and gals. I said that if I graduate, I would buy the whole graduating class ice cream sodas. You see, at that time I was pretty sure that I had a sure thing—that it wouldn't cost me a penny. Well, you know what happened after that, 'cause I had to borrow the money from you for sodas for thirty people. Just my luck that that year we had a record number of kids graduating.

Anyway, what happened was we were having a bull session, 'cause it was raining cats and dogs out and we couldn't do any work, and we got to talking about all sorts of things, and all that. First, one guy started talking about girls. This guy, Benny Pinkerton, I swear, all he ever talks about is girls. Well, Babe, the honest truth is that I just wouldn't listen to them talk about girls because I'm almost married, and you can see it just ain't right for almost-married men to talk about girls, *other* girls I mean. Well, I just grabbed a magazine and sat in a corner until they was all finished talking about girls. You won't believe this, Babe, or maybe you will, but they finished about three hours later, missing chow and all that. Well, some other guy, Beans Stickney, started boasting about what a good basketball player he was in high school and that's when I joined the group again. He was telling us how he made all-city, all-county, all-state and almost all-American. Boy! Did he ever sicken me! Imagine bragging like that about yourself. Then another guy, a guy I used to like a lot, name of Horace Stapleton from Newark, N. J., looked at me and said, "What'd *you* ever do, Sam?" Well, I said I *used* to like Horace, but right after he asked me that I stopped liking him. But I couldn't just sit there without saying anything. So you'll never guess what I said.

Oh, oh, got to close now, honey—lights out. More tomorrow.

xxxxxxx(That means kisses)
Your ever-lovin'-husband-to-be,
Sam Cosgrove, Pvt., U. S. Army

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Tokyo, Japan
August 21, 1955

Dear Gertrude,

Where was I when I finished yesterday? Gosh! I never seem to remember anything. Like a few days ago I was going into the barracks to pick up my rain coat on account of it was raining, and on the way I met Orville. Well, Orville asked me where I was going and I told him that I was going to the barracks to get my rain coat because it was raining. So Orville asks me if I would pick up his dirty laundry for him to take to the laundry. I patted him on the back and told him that I would deliver the goods in the usual fine style in which I always did everything. Well, right outside of the barracks I met a guy by the name of Calvin Bartlett, and he stopped me for a match. I gave Calvin, a swell guy, the match and we got to talking. Calvin told me about his girl who teaches Kindergarten back in Biloxi, Miss., and I told him about you and how you liked your job so much over at the boiler factory, and we talked for quite a spell. Anyway, Calvin looked at his watch and said he had to dash off and I went into the barracks for the laundry and the rain coat. But you know, honey, it wasn't until I met Orville again that I learned that I brought Orville *his* rain coat and that I took along *my* dirty laundry. So you see, Gertrude, I just can't hardly remember anything any more.

Where was I? Oh, yes—we were having this bull session and Horace Stapleton, he asked me what did I ever do. Well, you can just imagine how fast I had to talk. I couldn't tell them that I delivered dry cleaning for Stepnewski's French Dry Cleaners, or that I was a soda jerk at the Flavor Shop, or that I was a jelly Put'er-Inner at Friedman's Elite Bake Shop. Not that I'm ashamed of these things, mind you, but they don't hardly compare with being all-city, all-county and all-state. So I told them the only thing I could—I told them that I was a pitcher for the

Indianapolis Indians of the American Association. Boy! You should've seen them! They got all excited and treated me like I was a real celebrity, and all that. When they asked me why I didn't tell them before, I just said that I'm a guy that doesn't like to brag, and when I said that I looked straight over at this guy Beans Stickney, who bragged about his basketball playing. I guess I taught him a lesson, 'cause everyone knows it's better to be a pro pitcher in the American Association than it is to be a high school basketball player, even though you are all-city, all-county and all-state.

Well, honey, I am very depressed now, and like I wrote you earlier I'm sure sorry I opened my big mouth. I swear, Babe, I'm so depressed I can't hardly eat nor sleep. I ain't any use to no one.

Got to close now—it's chow time, and I hear they have chipped beef on toast (my favorite dish), peach cobbler, ice cream and fruit salad. Will write tomorrow, Babe.

xxxxxxx(That means kisses)
Your ever-lovin'-husband-to-be,
Sam Cosgrove, Pvt., U.S. Army

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Tokyo, Japan
August 22, 1955

Dear Gertrude,

I swear, honey, when I get out of the army I ain't going to accept my discharge unless they give me the recipe for chipped beef on toast. Boy! Is that ever good. I can have that all day and never get tired of it. You just got to learn how to make it. Why, I had about six seconds and would have had more if that mess sergeant didn't come in and say they was closing up for the night. Now I know that that is a lie, because there was still another hour before lights out.

Anyway, as I was saying, the boys were so glad to hear that I was a pitcher that they scheduled a baseball game with another regiment, and if I told you how much money was bet on me to beat this other regiment, you would think I was reading you our national debt, or something like that. You can just imagine how I felt, especially since, as you probably know, I never did play for the Indianapolis club, in fact I never even played for our high school team. Well, Babe, there was no getting out of it and I had to go through with it. Today's the big game and I'm scheduled to pitch, naturally. Lucky they didn't ask me to practice up a little or else I wouldn't be here now writing this letter in one piece.

Well, they're calling me to leave for the ball park, Gertrude, and I have to end this letter. I don't know when I'll ever write you again.

xxxxxxx(That means kisses)
Your ever-lovin' fiance.
Sam Cosgrove, Pvt., U.S. Army

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Tokyo, Japan
August 23, 1955

Dear Gertrude,

I guess you don't know what a great man you are going to marry some day . . . namely me. I won the game for my buddies, Babe, and everyone is happy and rich—except me. I didn't bet any money on the game and now I have a very bad headache—not because I didn't bet any money, but because I won the game. I know this sounds all mixed up and I will try to unmix it for you.

After the game started the boys in my regiment started to sort of worry just because I walked the first ten men to face me. But you know me real good, Babe, and you know that I am full of surprises. Well, they wanted to take me out of the game, but they didn't have no other pitcher to put in in my place and they had to leave me in. But as I said, I was saving my best for last—as you will soon see.

By the fifth inning, the score was 31-30 in their favor and the manager of our team, Sergeant Sclaris, grabbed me by the neck and said that I'd better win this game or else. I tried to explain to the Sarge that I was playing it cagey and saving my best for last, because everyone knows that a man who played in the American Association has an advantage over a bunch of guys who never played pro baseball. Well, he just repeated what he said, "win or else."

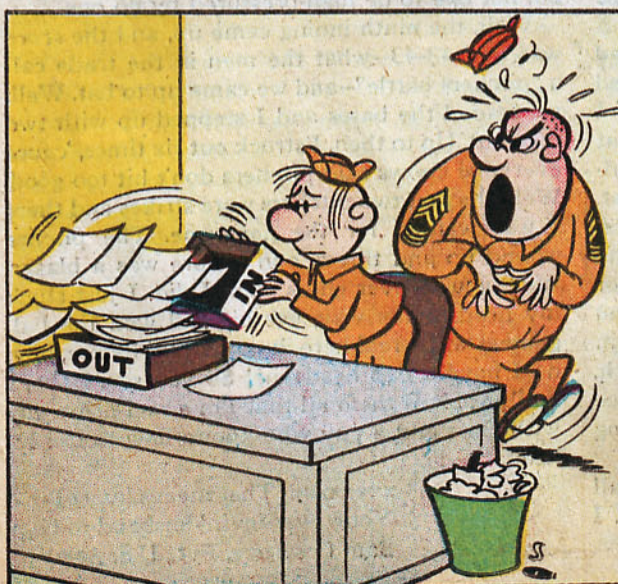
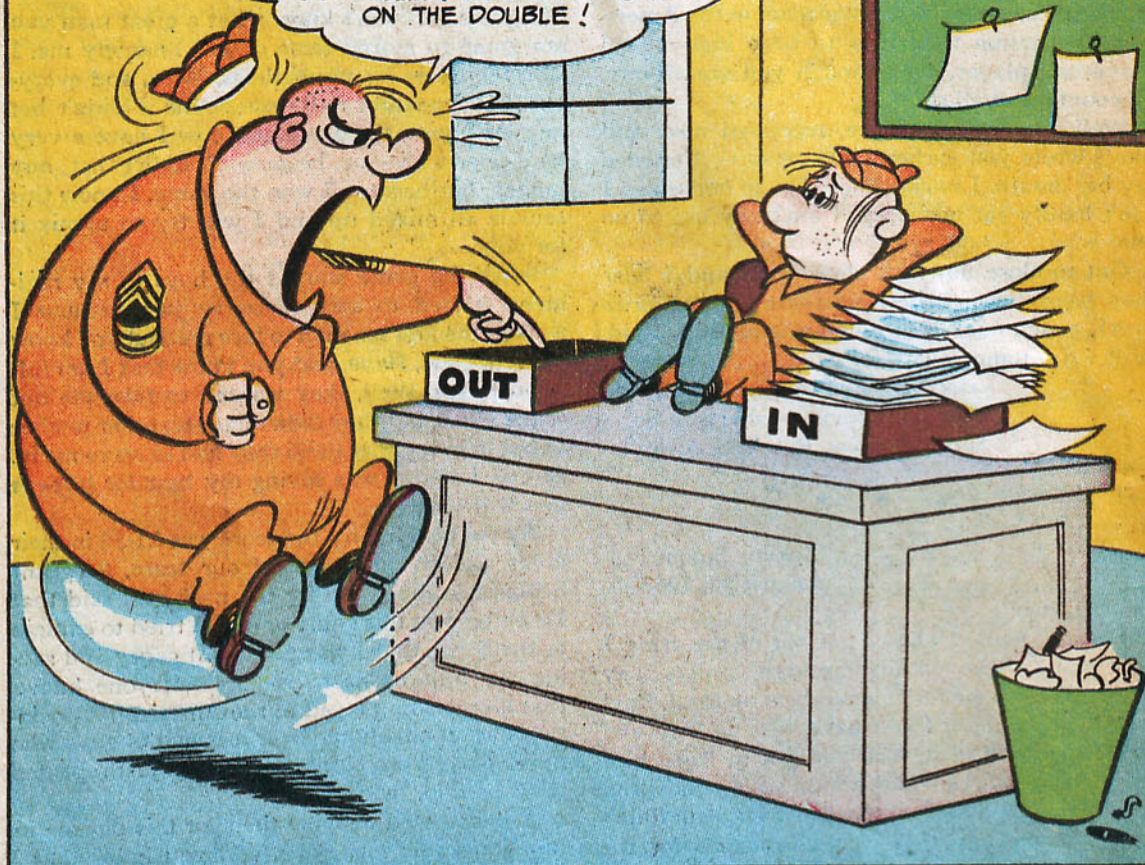
You can well imagine the spot this put me in, but you know me, Babe, and you know that I am not one to be high-pressured by no one.

Well, the ninth inning came up, and the score was tied 43-43—what the men in the trade call a "pitchers battle"—and we came up to bat. Well, we loaded the bases and I stepped up with two men out. Up to then, I struck out six times, 'cause everyone knows that pitchers don't hit too good. Well, the first two pitchers were strikes and there I was waiting for the next one. The pitcher wound up and threw, and it sure was a blazer. Well, you'll never guess what I did. I just stuck my head in the way, got hit and won the ball game. I was a real hero, but as I said before, boy! do I have a bad headache! So you see, Babe, I really showed them all that I'm a real pro, a guy with class and a guy who knows how to use his head.

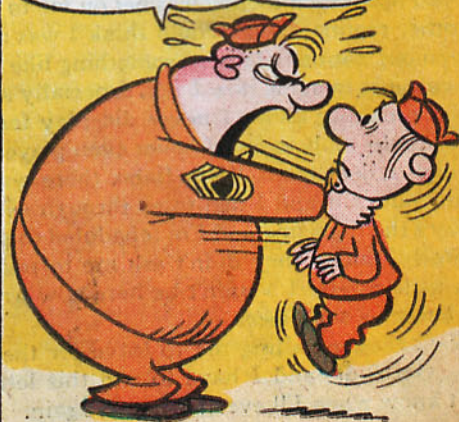
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Your ever-lovin'-husband-to-be,
Sam Cosgrove, Pvt., U.S. Army

PVT. DOPEY in *The Sergeant's Secretary!*

HEY! I TOLD YOU I WANTED TO SEE THAT OUTGOING BOX FILLED! NOW SNAP TO IT—ON THE DOUBLE!



OH! A WISE GUY, EH? NOW, LISTEN HERE—YOU'D BETTER TYPE OUT EACH AND EVERY LETTER FOR THE COLONEL'S SIGNATURE!



GET THAT TYPEWRITER
MOVING — AND **FAST!**



FASTER! FASTER!



OHNNNNNNNN!



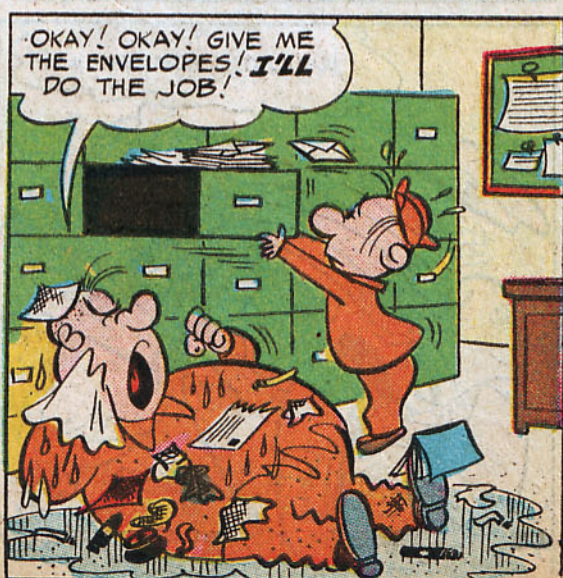
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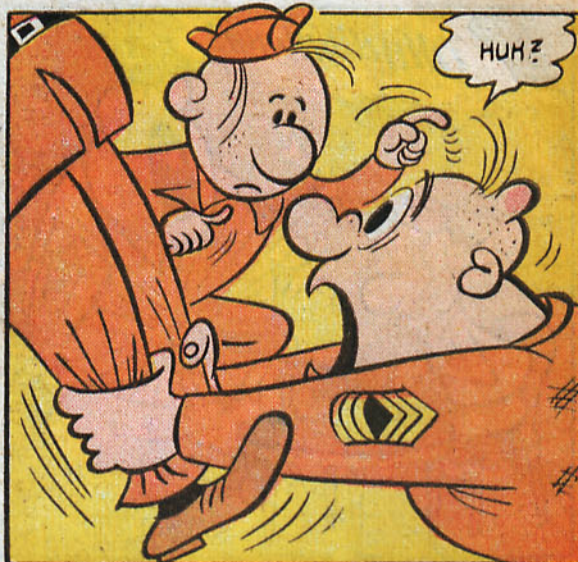
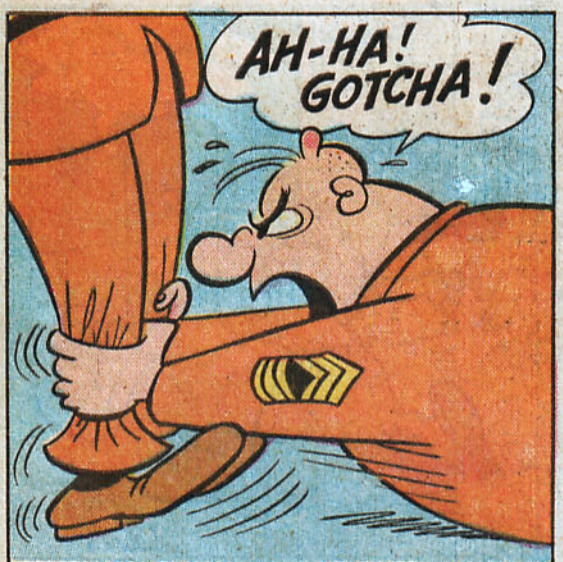
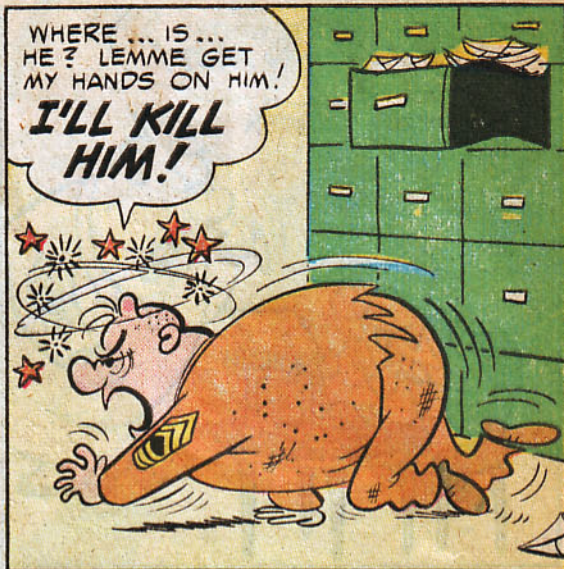
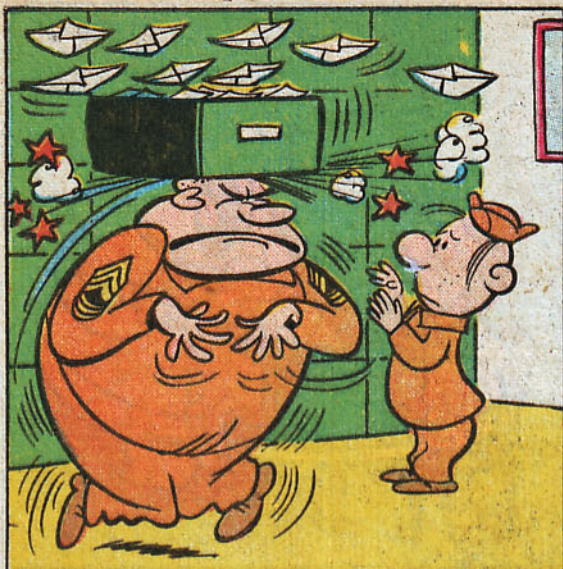


EMPTY IT FIRST!



OKAY! OKAY! GIVE ME
THE ENVELOPES! I'LL
DO THE JOB!



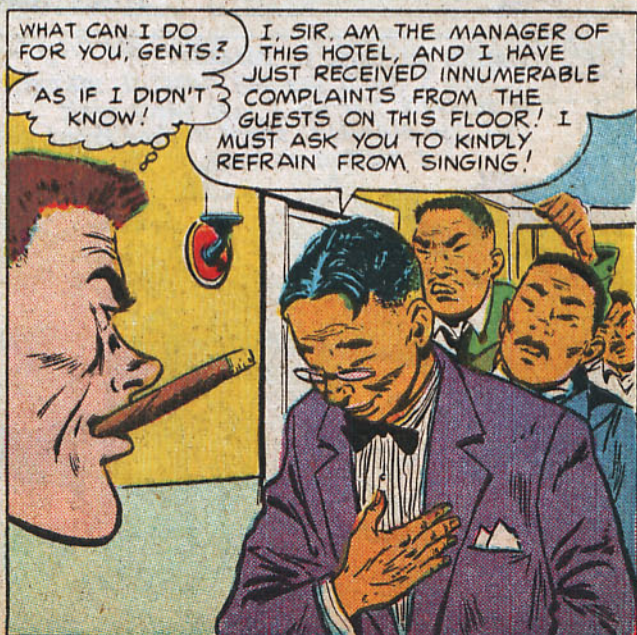
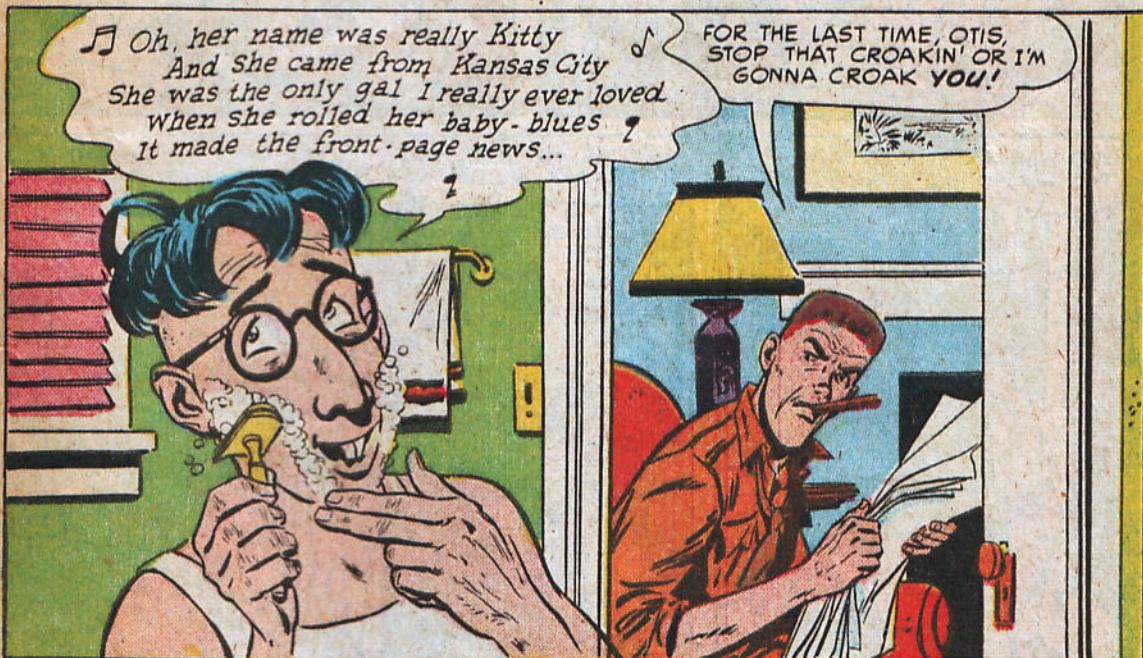


G.I. Joe

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The Crooner

"ME—I'M MULVANEY, AN' THIS IS ONE STORY I'VE JUST GOTTA TELL YA, 'CAUSE IT ALMOST RUINED MY BEST BUDDY, JOE BURCH. IT ALL STARTED QUITE INNOCENTLY ON A 30-DAY FURLOUGH IN TOKYO. WE WERE ALL STAYING AT A BIG HOTEL THERE, AN' READY-MONEY REILLY AN' UGLY OTIS WERE SHARING ONE ROOM. WELL, YOU CAN ALWAYS EXPECT CRAZY THINGS TO HAPPEN WHENEVER THOSE TWO GUYS GET TOGETHER, AN' THIS TIME WAS NO DIFFERENT. RIGHT NOW, WE SEE REILLY TRYING TO SHUT OUT THE HORRIBLE CROAKING THAT UGLY OTIS CALLS SINGING..."



I KNEW IT WAS
BAD — BUT
NOT **THAT**
BAD!

THE TRUTH IS, SIR, THAT ALL
OF THESE GENTLEMEN'S WIVES,
UPON HEARING THE — UH —
SINGING, HAVE FAINTED, OR WHAT
YOU AMERICANS CALL **SWOONED!**
TO THE MEN, HOWEVER, THE
SOUNDS ARE ABOMINABLE!

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SWOONED, EH? ALL OF THEM, YOU SAY?
OKAY — YOU HAVE MY WORD THAT THIS
WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN! AT LEAST IN
THIS **HOTEL** IT WON'T!



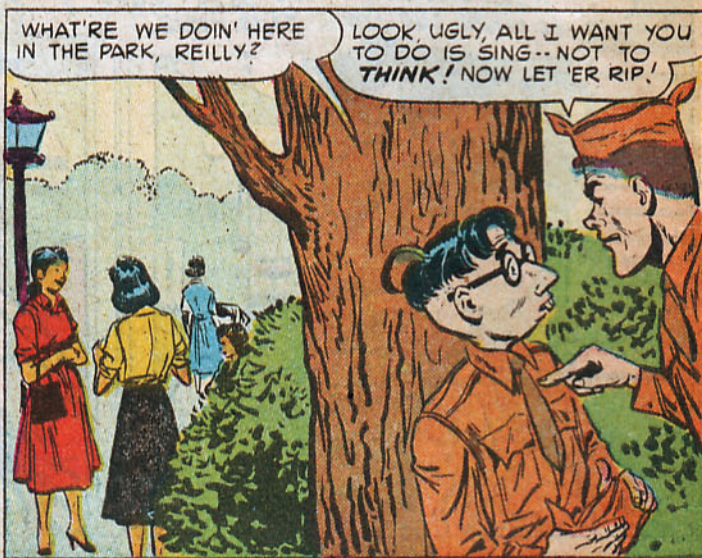
WHO WAS AT
THE DO —

NEVER MIND!
C'MON, WE GOT
WORK TO DO!



WHAT'RE WE DOIN' HERE
IN THE PARK, REILLY?

LOOK, UGLY, ALL I WANT YOU
TO DO IS SING — NOT TO
THINK! NOW LET 'ER RIP!



♪ I wanna go back to Miami
where I could see my dear ol' mammy
I've missed her so I just can't wait
Till I'm standin' there at her front gate
I wanna go back... ♪ ♪

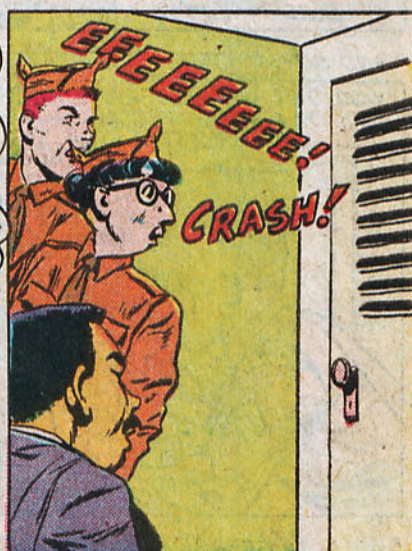


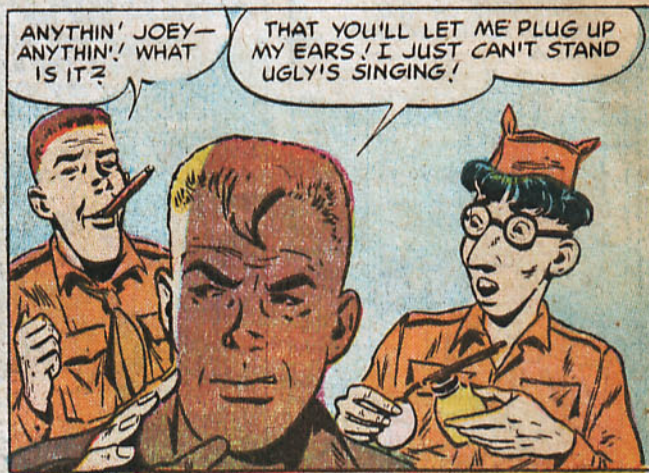
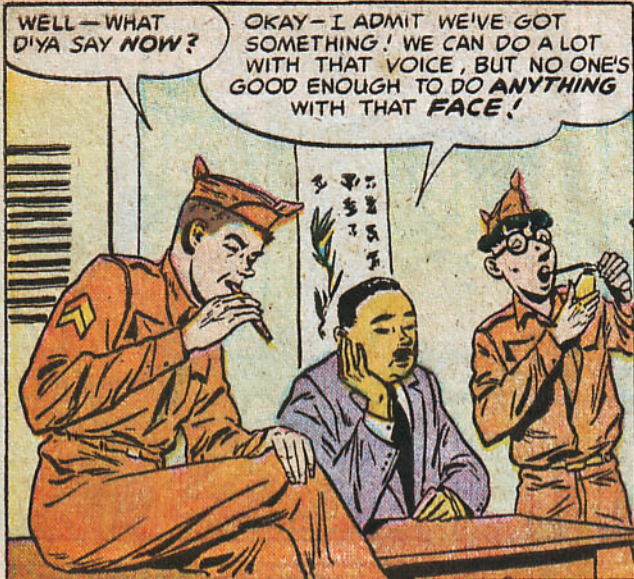
GOSH, REILLY! JUST
WHAT'RE YOU UP
TO?

PLEASE, UGLY —
LET ME DO ALL
THE THINKIN'
AROUND HERE!

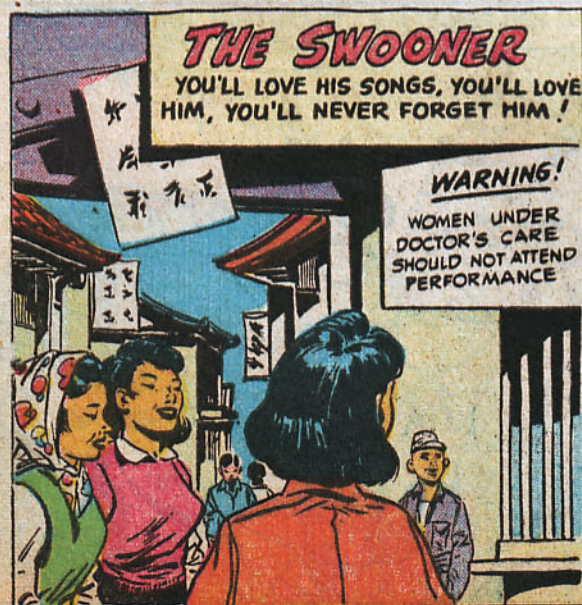
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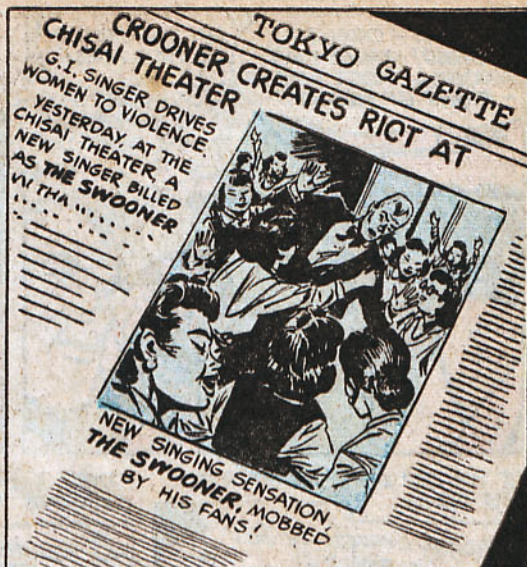
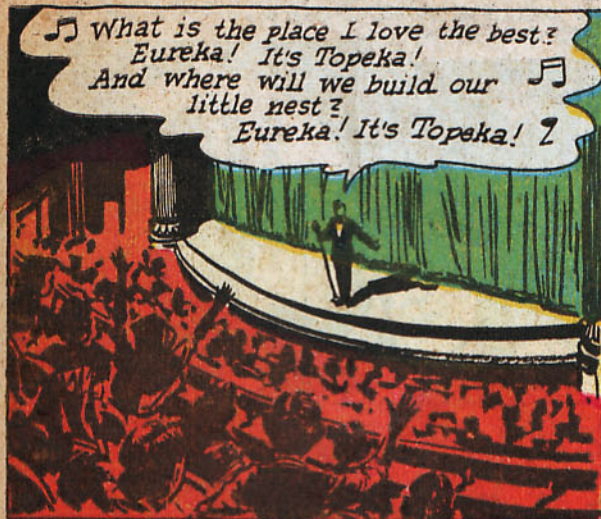
"WELL, THE STAGE WAS SET, AND LITTLE DID WE REALIZE WHAT WAS GONNA HAPPEN NEXT..."



"OPENING NIGHT, THE BOYS OFFERED US SOME FREE PASSES, BUT WE TURNED THEM DOWN TO SEE SOME OVERAGE WRESTLERS, AND IT LOOKED LIKE EVERYONE ELSE HAD THE SAME IDEA, BECAUSE..."



"WELL, I'M AFRAID TO TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED AS SOON AS THE SHOW STARTED..."



"BOY! EVEN I HAD TO ADMIT THAT THE BOYS HAD A BIG DEAL. WHY, AS SOON AS THE NEWSPAPERS HIT THE STANDS THE WOMEN LINED UP AT THE BOX OFFICE TO GET IN TO SEE **THE SWOONER!**"



"THEY GAVE THEM 15 SHOWS A DAY AND PACKED THEM IN FOR EACH SHOW..."



"THE DOUGH JUST ROLLED IN, AN WE WERE HAPPY FOR THE BOYS, THAT IS UNTIL THEY STARTED ACTIN' LIKE THEY OWNED THE EARTH AN' ALSO A CHUNK OF MARS..."



HEY, UGLY - CHANGED MY MIND! LEMME HAVE A COUPLA THOSE TICKETS - **RIGHT UP FRONT!**

ANY TIME, SARGE OL' PAL! HERE!

MULVANEY'S UP TO SOMETHIN' - AN' I DON'T LIKE IT!

"I NEVER THOUGHT THAT THEY'D EVER GET ME INTO THAT THEATER, BUT IT WAS FOR A WORTHWHILE CAUSE. WELL, YOU SHOULD'VE HEARD THOSE GALS WHEN JOE WALKED ONTO THAT STAGE..."



"I WAITED UNTIL HE STARTED HIS SONG..."

"THEN I LET GO WITH AN OVERRIPE TOMATO."

Mount Everest is but an ant hill
If you were on the other side

♪ you make my heart stand still
you are my joy and pride ♪

WHO THREW THAT!!

My darling, I won't leave until you're standing at my side



"WELL I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THE GALS SAW THAT JOE WASN'T DOING THE SINGING. REILLY OPENED THE CURTAIN, HOPIN' THAT UGLY'S VOICE COULD QUIET THEM, BUT THAT DIDN'T HELP..."

"A LOTTA GUYS MAY SAY THAT I PULLED A DIRTY STUNT - BUT, YOU GOTTA ADMIT, REILLY AND UGLY WERE DISHONEST!!"



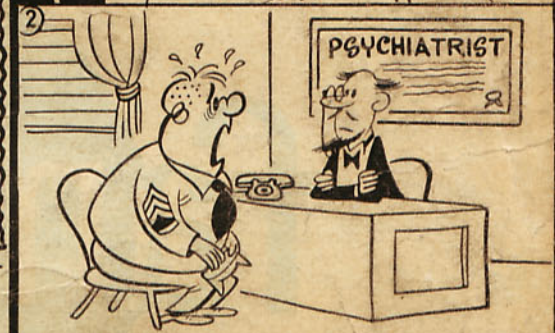
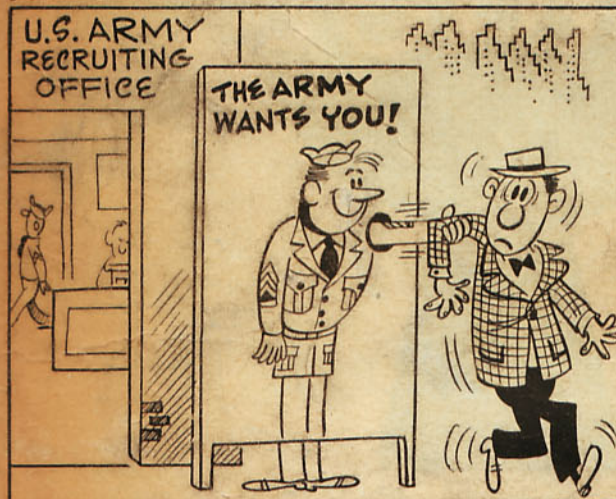
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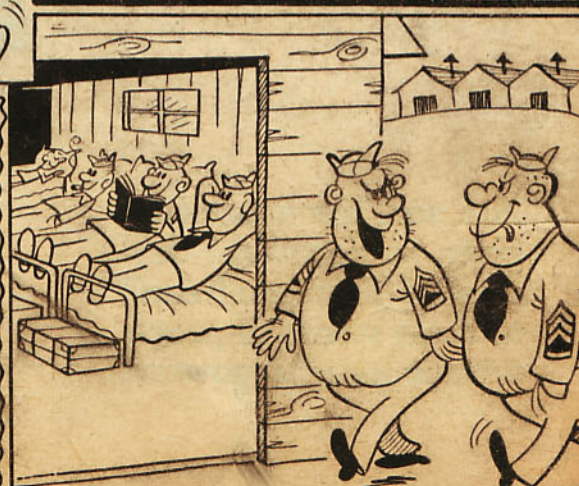
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